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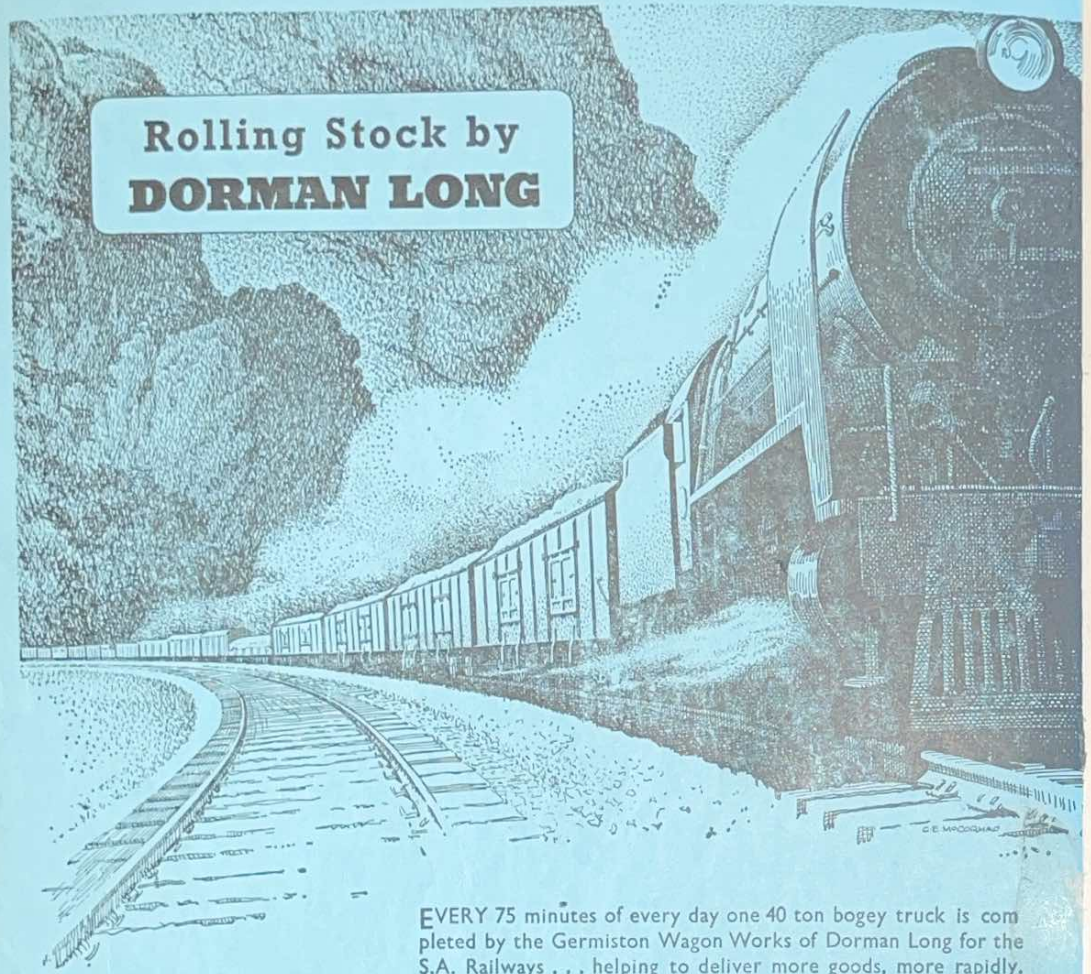

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FOREWORD BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

(Councillor E. Baker)

MUCH to the regret of all concerned it was found necessary in 1938, to discontinue publication of "The Germistonian," the Magazine of the Germiston High School.

I have now learned with pleasure that it is proposed to resuscitate the Magazine as the mouthpiece of the Germiston Boys' High School, and I heartily welcome this decision and congratulate the organisers on their enterprise.

I would, however, issue a word of advice to those responsible for compiling the new Magazine. I have perused back numbers of the original "The Germistonian" and have been struck with the outstanding news value and wit of many of the contributions. I notice, however, that a considerable number of these contributions were submitted by the then female personnel of the school, and I would suggest that the Editor of the new Magazine and his Committee should not hesitate to accept any contributions they may receive from school-girls who are still interested in their old school.

Many past members of the Germiston High School now hold important and responsible positions in the commercial, industrial and municipal life of our City, and I am confident that in the event of their being made aware of the new Magazine the Editor can be certain of their wholehearted support.

A high standard was laid down and strictly adhered to for the Magazine in the past. On that basis there would appear to me to be no doubt that the new Magazine will enjoy every success and each issue will be eagerly anticipated by members of the school, past members, parents and all those fortunate enough to obtain copies of regular issues.

I extend to the Germiston Boys' High School and the new Magazine every good wish for success in the future.

E. BAKER.

October, 1951.

EDITORIAL

THE reappearance of our school magazine after an absence of thirteen years probably calls for a majestic display of editorial pyrotechnics. You will not get it. In the belief that few people ever read an editorial, and that those who do, out of a sense of duty or politeness, ought to be spared, we will make this a short one.

The policy of the editors has been to include as much as possible of original work by pupils; much brilliant but unoriginal wit has been ignored, though examples of what look suspiciously like plagiarism have been passed in the belief that the fault is unconscious. Society, sports and house notes have been compiled partly by pupils and partly by members of the staff. It is an amalgam of the very diverse members, ideas and activities which form the life of that thing known as a school. As such, we hope that this and future magazines will contribute towards creating that feeling of belonging together which we, as a reborn school, have not yet fully attained.

We are grateful to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Vos for judging the literary contributions. The prose prize goes to E. Jordan for the "Fancy Dress Hockey Match" and the poetry prize to M. Reynierse for "Blommeprag."

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The Parents' Committee

THE ladies of the Parents' Committee have this year again been a grand support to the School. For our social events they have been indispensable and they have as usual raised welcome funds for the War Memorial. The loss of the Domestic Science Centre, which vanished with the girls, has not daunted them—though the School is now left without a stove, a sink or a kitchen of any kind. But Mrs. McCrindle and her small, faithful band are not daunted by such difficulties; and there were certainly no technical hitches when they served tea and coffee in an almost overwhelmingly crowded corridor to two or three hundred people on Concert night. And they dealt equally efficiently with the Sports Day refreshments served on the lawns, a spacious area but somewhat remote from the operations base in the Staff Room.

The morning Market held near the town Library on a cold morning in June was a successful effort which added over £30 to the Memorial Fund. The latest activity has been a Jumble Sale, which has also swelled our resources appreciably.

It is a pity that the hard work done for the School by the Parents' Committee is shared by so few ladies—and by no men. An attempt was made to bring the fathers in by holding the Annual General Meeting in an evening. But the men who came could have been numbered on the fingers of one hand and it was mutually agreed between the few mothers and fathers present that the Committee had better continue its activities as a feminine body. Even so, the number of ladies who have been added to the committee this year is distressingly small. We are particularly grateful to some of the parents of ex-pupils—among them the tireless Chairman, Mrs. McCrindle—who have carried on their unselfish work for the school after their children have left.

The obvious final paragraph of this report is an appeal to all the parents who read this magazine to ask themselves whether they cannot in 1952 come forward and reinforce the loyal group who have worked, most of them for several years, for the benefit of the School.

And this appeal is meant for the men as well.

H.C.R.

THE YEAR 1951

Re-adjustment.

THIS has been a year of difficulties. Many of the problems of re-adjustment to new conditions remain unsolved at the end of the year. We have this year become not only a school for boys only, but also a two-stream school. In accordance with the Transvaal's new policy, we have boys who intend to follow the old-established academic type of High School course, and also a large number of boys for whom a practical course is desirable. One of our problems has been to find the means for providing a really practical course. In this respect we cannot claim yet to have catered fully for our pupils.

Pupils and Parents.

Our numbers remain the same (about 500) as when the school had girls as well as boys. We cannot say that we have maintained quite the same degree of school spirit. We have too many boys to whom the general life of the School means little or nothing. There are boys who show enthusiasm for neither work nor school games. Some of them have given us new problems of truancy. One wonders sometimes whether the parents of such boys realize that without the active co-operation of the home the school's task is made extremely difficult. On our side, we of the Staff continually aim at making all our boys High-school minded. At times the tepid response made by certain of our pupils to the Department's generous plan of giving every boy the opportunity of profiting by the life and environment of a High School leaves a feeling of frustration. Our reward comes from the solid core of boys who are proud of their membership of the Boys' High.

School fund subscriptions have fallen off this year. Our pupils now come from a very wide social range and a number of parents cannot afford to assist the School in this way; others, perhaps, excuse themselves much too easily.

Parents in general supported the School very generously in giving refreshments for a Morning Market in June, and again later in the year on Sports' Day. But the number of parents who were present at the

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Sports was less than we had hoped. It may be that not all parents regard an invitation to attend School functions as an opportunity to show their realization of the common interests of parents and teachers in the job that both are doing for our young South Africans.

Staff

During the year we have had various staff changes, and of course, some shortages. For part of the first term our staff was three below strength, and again we were one short all through the third term.

To the permanent staff we have welcomed this year Mr. Wainman, Mr. Fox, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davis, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Morrison, Mr. van Niekerk and our old friend Mr. Vos, who returned to us on promotion after spending a year in the bundu.

In almost the same breath we have to say a regretful farewell to Mr. Fox, whom we congratulate on his appointment as Vice-Principal of the Jewish School, Johannesburg.

Mr. Wainman retires at the end of the year after thirty-four years of loyal and efficient service to the Transvaal Education Department as a Manual Training instructor. We hope that he will stay on our staff for a long time to come as a temporary teacher.

At the end of the third term, we said good-bye to Mr. C. B. Prinsloo who was appointed Vice-Principal of the M. de Wet School at Edenvale. His enthusiasm for all that he did in the class-room and on the playing fields will be remembered.

Mr. N. Muir, after one year's energetic service at this School, left us in July on transfer to Krugersdorp High School. We wish him success.

On the temporary staff we have been fortunate to have the services throughout this year of Mr. C. L. Brink (whom we now regard as a permanent temporary) and for shorter periods of Messrs. Rautenbach, Lamprecht and Swanepoel and Dr. Swanepoel.

The staffing outlook for 1952 is at the time of writing not very comforting. The further prospects are even grimmer, if we judge by the fact that for five posts recently advertised we had not a single applicant.

Last year this School sent half-a-dozen matriculants, mainly girls, to the Normal College. This year we have no boy in Form Five who intends to plunge into teaching as a career. This is ominous. If the High Schools do not increase the flow of recruits to the Training Colleges, the outlook is indeed gloomy.

Two members of our staff have this year celebrated the arrival of their first-born. They are Mr. du Plessis and Mr. Holden. To them and to their wives we offer our congratulations.

We learn that Mr. A. L. Ferguson, our well-remembered Vice-Principal who retired in 1949, is to be congratulated on reaching grand-parental status, Jock and his wife having had a daughter in August. The younger Fergusons are now settled in Kenya, where they have recently been visited by "Fergie" senior and his wife. It was good to hear from our old friends again.

Bursary Appeal

Early this year the Parents' Committee decided to sponsor a Bursary scheme to pay University fees for a suitable candidate from this School intending to become a teacher. At the end of October the amount contributed by parents and Old Germistonians was £71 11s. 6d. The target figure for one bursary, to cover a four-year course, is £336. It is to be hoped that there will be a very generous response to the appeal next year.

War Memorial

Money continues to be raised for our War Memorial Fund, although there has been no spectacular effort this year. We now have £1,800 in hand. We should like to see the total well on the way to £3,000 by the end of next year. The object of the Fund is to provide as a memorial a pavilion on the rugby-cricket ground, at a total cost of about £6,000—half of which will be provided, we hope, by the Administration. At the present time however £ for £ grants for this kind of building are in abeyance.

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There is news of considerable future extensions to the School buildings. We have been unofficially informed that the authorities in Pretoria have agreed to the building of six more class-rooms, two Manual Training Centres, a new library, and an Art Room. The existing Manual Training room is to be converted into an additional laboratory, and the present library will become a Staff Room. No date has been given for the start of the new buildings, but the architect has drawn his plans; so we are hopeful that we shall not have to wait very long. The ultimate aim of the Department is to extend the building sufficiently to accommodate 750 boys.

At the beginning of next year we shall have to provide for an estimated enrolment of 600. To meet the increase we have been promised additional temporary rooms—unsightly but unavoidable annexes to our dignified main block!

We cannot unfortunately report any start, or signs of starting, on the development of our playing-field area. For several years our plan for converting the ground north of the existing rugby field into a second ground for rugby and cricket has been discussed back and forth between Germiston and Pretoria; the Administration has agreed in principle, but owing to one difficulty or another has so far been unable to start the work.

The turf wicket begun last year has been the work of our own labour. The Maginnis grass has now been planted over a bed of Boksburg clay and if the rainfall is propitiously normal in the coming months, we should be able to play cricket on the new wicket by February of next year.

Rotary Club

The interest of the Germiston Rotary Club in the Schools has again been shown in the organization of "Inter High" Debates. We are now joined in a triangular test of bilingual oratory with the Girls' High and the Afrikaans Hoër. At the end of the series for this year it is the intention of the Rotary Club to reward the schools suitably, according to merit, by the donation of library books in the second language of each school.

The Rotary Club has now instituted organized visits to industries to assist High School pupils towards the choice of a vocation. All travelling expenses for these trips are to be met by the Club, which will also put up prizes for competition essays after the various visits.

Games

Games reports appear elsewhere in the Magazine, but two events perhaps deserve special emphasis: the Tennis Team won the Boys' League for East Rand High Schools (and no one can remember whether that ever happened before at Germiston High School), and the Under Fifteen Rugby team were only narrowly defeated in the final of the Germiston and Boksburg Schools' League.

The Girls' High School

Though the girls have left us, we have not by any means lost sight of them. It has been a pleasure to see the Girls' High School pupils using our tennis courts on Thursday afternoons, and visiting our School from time to time in quite large numbers for social events such as Volkspele, the Annual Concert, Sports Day, the Tickey evening held by Form IV boys and the Inter-School Debate. Nor must we forget that there have frequently been Girls' High spectators at our Rugby and cricket matches, and at a famous hockey match between Form Five boys and the Masters (which ended, surprisingly, in a bloodless draw).

We too have made our pilgrimages to the Girls' High, whether for work in the ex-Colin Mann Manual Training centre or for pleasure, as on the occasion of another famous hockey match (which ended, not at all surprisingly, in a victory for the boys over the girls).

We hope and believe that the friendly relations with our sister school, which have been established in this first year of separatism, will continue to flourish. It is particularly satisfying to learn that the sister school is to retain, with us, the old Germiston High School colours.

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EXAMINATIONS

Matriculation, 1950.

In December, 1950, the last year of Germiston High School as a mixed school, eleven girls and twenty-one boys passed the Transvaal Secondary School Certificate Examination. They were:—

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Brian Murphy was Dux Scholae for 1950.

The Old Germistonian Trophy, awarded annually to the best all-rounder in Form Five, was won in 1950 by Patricia Thomson.

This cup is given for proficiency in work and games, qualities of leadership and general contributions to the life of the School.

Afrikaans Examination Results.

In October 1950, the following boys and girls of the Germiston High School were successful in the Lower Taalbond Examination:—

Denise Barnes, Laura Broodryk*, L. J. Burrell, Thelma Duke*, A. Flascas, Myrle Gascoigne, Ruth Hagger, Freda Harris, D. V. Holton, P. C. Jacobs, N. Kouvarellis, Elizabeth Markgraaff*, A. McCrindle, B. W. Murphy, Thora McKendrick, J. F. Nijland, Valerie Pascoe, C. J. Pells*, A. F. Peters, B. Pullock, A. A. Rose-Innes, J. G. Smith, Ruth Swartz, Patricia Thomson, Paula Thomson, J. E. van der Spuy.

(* *Hoër Graad pass.*)

Afrikaans was our best subject in last year's Matriculation examination. Five of our candidates became entitled to a bilingual merit award, offered by the Transvaal Education Department to any pupils who should decide to take up teaching. They were: L. Broodryk, T. Duke, E. Markgraaff, J. Nijland and C. Pells.

This was a very stimulating result, indicating a good mark for English and one of over 65% in Afrikaans on the part of each of these pupils.

Only one of them, Laura Broodryk, went on to the Normal College and thus received the cash award of £25.

Taalbond 1951.

At the end of October 1951, thirteen of our boys sat for the Lower Taalbond examination. To do so they displayed considerable energy and enthusiasm: they had to start writing the paper at 7.0 a.m. in order to finish in time to take part in the massed parade of Cadets at Delville the same morning. Some of them, living a long way off, rose and dressed themselves meticulously in cadet uniform almost before first light!

We hope that the published results will show that these unwonted exertions have been suitably rewarded.

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Donations to the Germiston Boys' High School Bursary Fund from the following are gratefully acknowledged:—

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course, are the girls' books; gone, too, the old system of issuing books. Every book in circulation has been numbered.

This is not to say that all the changes have been completed. We are hoping to start on the looks of the place next. With due apologies to Lewis Carroll:

"Some nice new shelves," the Bookworm said,
"Are what we chiefly need.
Some books to fill them would, of course,
Be very good indeed."

We have done our best in both directions. Shelves have been asked for, and books bought to the limit of our meagre resources. (Who knows but that this is where you could come in, gentle readers? How about a benefit match or something?)

Our idea is to instal the new shelves back-to-back, thereby dividing the library space up into a number of bays, each of which could have a table or two, and chairs, for the comfort of readers. This arrangement would have the added advantage that reference books could be made much more easily available for such of our patrons as desire —or as might from time to time be induced —to do something useful during library periods. And such an arrangement would also, we feel sure, make the already popular lunch-time reading sessions even more pleasant.

A library cannot be run at all, let alone revolutionised as ours has had to be because of the reorganisation of the school, without a lot of hard work. A good deal of this has been done by our Library Prefect, Buchel, and his assistants, and to them we give our grateful thanks. Thanks are also due to those classes whose members assisted the Librarian with the considerable amount of "mass-production" work which had to be done to get the numbering of the books to the state of perfection demanded by our new system. And last, because most important, thanks to the Headmaster for his assistance and encouragement, and for permission so readily granted for the carrying out of our schemes.

Though a good deal has been done, much still remains to be accomplished. We look forward to the day when, to parody Mr. Carroll yet again:

"O jobs of work," the Bookworm said,
"You've had a pleasant run.
Shall we be trotting home again?"
But answer came there none.

And this was scarcely odd, because
They'd done them every one.

Dramatic Society

STRICTLY speaking, no such society exists in our school. We have no committee, meetings, rules or defined membership. In spite of this apparent handicap, three plays have been produced this year; but, in all these, initiative has come from the masters. We hope that in the near future a committee of scholars will be elected to choose plays, stage play-readings and assist as co-producers and in the manifold activities centred in the production of plays.

At the end of the first term two groups of players were sent to Benoni to take part in the East Rand play festival. Here valuable and exhilarating experience was gained from acting on a full-sized and properly equipped stage which brought home to us very acutely the limitations of our own facilities at school. We have set ourselves the task of converting what is today little more than a platform into something more nearly resembling a real stage.

The three plays produced for the school concert during the second term were two comedies ("Queer Street" and "The Foolish Lover") and a rather grim little melodrama ("Thread o' Scarlet"). This last one was a bad choice as it demands a more mature interpretation than schoolboys can give to build up and sustain a sufficiently intense atmosphere. More happy was the choice of "Queer Street." This bright production owed much of its success to the robust acting of M. Keough, a very confident actor of whom we hope to see more. I de Vries and C. Hannaway showed that boys can take the part of females with complete competence. "The Foolish Lover" was a very short extract from "The Rivals" acted by a much etiolated version of last year's full mixed cast which would have put on the whole play but for adverse circumstances. In our ten-minute extract J. Willemse deserved praise for a lively and imaginative performance.

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The School Concert

Among those who filled every seat in the School Hall and even stood closely packed at the back, among the boys working behind the scenes and those who in the dressing room were experiencing the excitement and shock of grease-paint and powder—among all concerned, the School Concert held on the 10th May this year was an unqualified success.

In addition to the three plays mentioned in the Dramatic Society notes, the audience was offered several songs, instrumental items and a mock ballet. So popular did the singing of J. H. Saunders prove that a special encore was arranged for him after the interval. M. Bay played four most enjoyable piano solos and Mr. A. A. Volbrecht showed that a schoolmaster can use his voice in a manner other than that with which school-boys are all too familiar.

The ballet, with choreography by B. Saffer, T. Rogers as male lead, E. Mather as the charming prima ballerina, and other senior boys as the graceful chorenes, was judiciously brief and wildly popular.

W. Erasmus, F. Bowley and R. Bezuidenhout played as a Boere Orkes, and the last mentioned and L. de Kock led some hearty community singing during scene-changing.

Once again we most gratefully thank those ladies who so willingly helped us and provided tea during the interval. It is difficult to know how we, as a Boys' School, could manage without them.

Debating Society

Chairman: V. Smith.

Committee: B. Pullock, B. Saffer, P. Shone.

It is in this branch of school activity that the departure of the girls has been most noticeable, if not as speakers, then certainly as audience and inspiration. With two exceptions the meetings of the Debating Society were poorly attended and the debating itself of indifferent quality. Speeches revealed a lack of research and thorough preparation and an inability to make a point clearly and develop it logically. One was tempted to believe that, while arguing was natural to boys, debating was not. This, however, was effectively disproved by the two inter-school debates held this year under the aegis of the Germiston Rotary Club.

Early in the third term, debating against the Afrikaans Hoërskool in English, our speakers, B. Saffer, B. Pullock and J. Willemse, were able, with much skill and humour, to persuade the judges that co-educational schools were much more desirable than schools unadorned by the presence of girls. On Tuesday, October 3rd, we debated against our sister school, the Germiston Girls' High. Our three representatives, E. Jordan, P. Shone and T. Rogers, spoke well and confidently and, despite the fact that they were using their second language, fluently. The girls, Diane Murray, Beth Watson and Sheila Duncan, won the debate by a narrow margin. The subject of this debate was that "A woman's place is in the home."

The Rotary Club is to be thanked, and congratulated, on its enterprise in sponsoring these inter-school events, which should realise the object of fostering friendly race relations and a stronger interest in the neglected art of debating.

Musical Society

This society came into being at the end of last year when the School bought a new public address system. This year recitals have been held once a week during long break and these have been fairly well attended—about 50 boys each time. We are conscious that these recitals are not enough and we are hoping to extend them to the afternoons after school, but the problem is to find a free afternoon when those interested will be able to come. The Society has about £20 worth of records; we are hoping to add to the collection from time to time.

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Students' Christian Association

IN August, 1950, a branch of the above association was started at Germiston High School. The meetings were held once a week during lunch break, but we soon found that this did not allow enough time. So the meetings were then held in the afternoon after school. The average attendance until the end of the year was about 40 boys and girls. A special meeting was one in which Mrs. Bailey from America played tunes on about 24 cowbells. This was a very inspiring meeting attended by about 200 scholars, who heard in addition songs and a talk from Erasmia from the Nurses Christian Fellowship. The end of the year brought the division of the school, the girls being moved to the new Girls' High School.

This year the Boys' branch has carried on and a new branch has been started at the Girls' High School There have been the normal weekly meetings and once a month the boys and girls have come together for a Combined Meeting which has usually been addressed by a special speaker. One such speaker was Mr. de Smit from the British Syria Mission, who showed films of his work in Syria and the Lebanon. Miss Margaret Nash, the travelling secretary for the S.C.A., has often visited us and said a few words to us.

On the Students' Day of Prayer in May, members of the Boys' and Girls' Schools branches conducted a service in one of the local churches. The following week, a team also conducted a service in another church.

A few of the boys attended a camp at Annerley, South Coast, during July and had a blessed and happy time. During September two important events took place. The first was a Film Conference for scholars, at which we saw and criticized religious films. This was a very enjoyable and helpful gathering. The second was a combined picnic held at Fountains where many schools along the Reef were represented. This was an experiment and embraced both English and Afrikaans scholars. Everyone had a glorious time with scholars from other schools. In the afternoon Brigadier Upperton of the Salvation Army brought a group of young folk out with him and they sang for us. He then spoke to us about the responsibilities of a young Christian in the modern world.

This experiment proved a great success and we are looking forward to another such outing in the near future. It is whispered that there is to be a Grand Christmas Tree Social for all the S.C.A. branches on the Rand.

To those members who are leaving at the end of the year, we say, "Cheerio and may God bless you in your future activities."

Let us all now renew our efforts to live up to our motto "Make Jesus King."

The Chess Club

THE Chess Club was started last year (1950) by one of the masters, Mr. R. Davis. On the first Thursday about twenty boys were present for the opening matches. Chess sets were generously lent to the club by a few boys. Half of the boys could not play but were soon taught by Mr. Davis and the boys who could play.

Later in the year Mr. W. T. Haffern joined the club. Chess sets were bought and matches began in earnest. A chess ladder was started and ladder matches have been played each week.

The biggest problem of the club is to find a day for the meetings. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have been tried but none has been suitable for everyone.

At the end of the third term the positions on the ladder were:—

1. D. Clarke.
2. J. Maycock.
3. J. Armstrong.
4. C. Hunter.
5. D. Stone.
6. T. Mutch.
7. S. Edwards.
8. H. Nielson.
9. B. Timke.
10. A. Liebman.
11. E. Krystal.
12. D. Baker.
13. R. Jordan.
14. A. Cowling.
15. R. Shepherd.
16. L. Zulberg.
17. E. Handcock.
18. N. Walton.
19. D. Parnell.
20. D. Johnstone.

I think that boys should be more interested in chess as it is a very fascinating game and develops the mind.

Some boys have joined the Germiston Chess Club and have so improved their play.

D.C.

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Second Row: 2nd Lts. N. R. Maher, C. D. Harris, C. Orbach, E. J. du Plessis, P. G. Katakuzinos, J. J. Gouws, and Drum-Major P. C. Shone.
Third Row: 2nd Lts. B. Pullock, P. L. Andrew, D. v. B. Deyzel, V. J. Smith, A. C. Roberts, and L. R. de Kock.

Cadet Notes

No. 78 Detachment
(affiliated to Witwatersrand Rifles).

Officers, 1951.

Officer Commanding: Commandant H. C. Robinson, M.B.E.
Second in Command: Commandant C. L. Wapenaar, E.D.
Adj. and Q.M.: Lieut. A. L. Southall.
Company Commanders: Lieuts. W. T. Haffern, P. A. Vos, R. J. Webb.
Bandmaster: Lieut. A. A. Volbrecht.
Training Officers: 2nd Lieuts E. J. du Plessis, E. van Niekerk.
Student Officers: 2nd Lieuts. D. v. B. Deyzel, B. Pullock, G. Anagnostu, T. J. Sherman, G. E. Robertson, A. C. Roberts, N. R. Maher, P. G. Katakuzinos, V. J. Smith, C. D. Harris, J. J. Gouws, P. L. Andrew, L. R. de Kock.
Drum-Major: P. C. Shone.

Since the latter part of last year the detachment has taken part in various new activities, and a general improvement in our boys' drill and turn-out, and particularly in enthusiasm, has been noticeable.

The period under review started on a sad note, with the death of Field Marshal J. C. Smuts. The detachment very willingly responded to the request to provide buglers to play as the funeral train passed through Germiston Station. Under very difficult conditions Drum-Major Shone and Bugle-Major Conradie earned the commendation of all by their excellent playing of the Last

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Post. Later in the afternoon a Guard of Honour, under Lieut. Haffern, paraded in the town for the memorial service, when the Guard and the buglers performed their duties in a manner fitting to the solemn occasion.

The year 1951 has seen the complete reorganization of the detachment, with an increase in numbers from 250 to over 500. Faced with the problem of training more than 200 raw recruits, the student officers accepted the challenge and the praiseworthy results of their efforts were to be clearly seen before the end of the year.

During the holiday month of July three buglers, Gillman, Rakusin and D. Wilson volunteered to play at the Germiston Delville Wood service and acquitted themselves well.

The detachment was unable to parade in uniform, owing to 'Q' difficulties, until the beginning of the third term, but we are already getting used to the new style of headdress, even if we still have a little longing for the old berets.

The most important development of 1951 has been the establishment of very close links with the Witwatersrand Rifles, our parent regiment. In the third term of this year our C.O. approached Commandant C. J. Nicholls, E.D., O.C. Wit Rifles, with an enquiry about the wearing by our band of the Rifles glengarry caps. The Rifles reacted with great and speedy enthusiasm; within two or three weeks we were indebted to the Regiment for the gift of enough glengarries to equip the whole band and all our officers, as well as Rifles' badges for almost the whole detachment and black buttons for our officers. These are all worn now with great pride and the band has become the envy of all the platoons (extra practices notwithstanding). The officers of the Rifles have also helped us greatly with advice and, in general, with their full moral and practical support. The latter was revealed by the presence of no less than fifteen of the Regiment's officers, warrant officers and N.C.O.'s—a zealous team led by Cmdt. Nicholls himself—as judges of our Inter-House Platoon Efficiency Competition on October 24th.

We are very grateful to the Regiment and trust that our standard of efficiency will always be such that they may be as proud to have us as an affiliated detachment as we are to be affiliated to them.

October 24th, Efficiency Competition day, was of course the highlight of our Cadet year. The competition was revived after having lapsed for many (far too many) years. In preparation for it the whole school had been divided in the first term into the four newly-named Houses by platoons, each of the three companies containing one platoon from each House. The old Witwatersrand Rifles Cup, presented nearly thirty years ago for this type of competition, was brought again from its storeroom limbo as the prize for the winning House. In addition there were two other trophies waiting to be won—the Howarth Cup bequeathed to the Rifles and represented to us by the Regiment as a floating award for the most efficient cadet below the rank of sergeant, and the Pirie Cup for the best student-officer.

The judges arrived in mid-morning and after mutual briefing between them and our own officers, the Competition was quickly under way. The cadets, allowed to escape from their class-rooms company by company, were put through a very thorough test, while the band had its own tuneful contest.

As the results show, there was little to choose between the Houses, but Churchill, accustomed by this time to its first-year run of successes, claimed a narrow victory. The Houses finished with the following points:—

Churchill	65.87 per cent.
Smuts	65.60 per cent.
Botha	61.67 per cent.
Montgomery	61.67 per cent.

The results in the individual competitions were:—

Best Student Officer: N. R. Maher (82.14 per cent), winner, with D. v. B. Deyzel (81.07 per cent) runner-up.

Most Efficient Cadet: J. Hodgkinson (89.00 per cent) winner, with B. Cooper (87.67 per cent) runner-up.

Best Bandsman: This award was shared by Corporal J. Hodgkinson (bugler) and Sergeant P. Botha (drummer).

The judges all praised the detachment as a whole for its efficiency and even more for the obvious enthusiasm of its members.

On the afternoon of October 24th, after

the Efficiency Competition, the detachment was inspected by the Officer Commanding Witwatersrand Command, Brigadier W. H. Hingeston, C.B.E., A.D.C. On the dais were the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. E. Baker). After inspecting the whole battalion, the Brigadier presented the trophies won during the morning and then congratulated the detachment on its steadiness on parade and its excellent turn-out. The Brigadier then took the salute at a march past; and so a memorable day ended.

Two days later, we took part in another ceremonial parade when our unit joined with 500 other cadets from local schools in a review by the Mayor on the Delville Sports Ground. We were again congratulated on our smart turn-out and on the playing of the band.

To end these notes, a word of thanks to the Mayor, not only for showing a keen interest in the Cadet movement, but also for his hospitable entertainment of all the officers concerned in our Efficiency Competition and in the massed parade at Delville.

Shooting.

In September, 1950 we re-entered the Bisley, after an absence of many years. Two boys, C. Pells and N. Mortimer went through to the final Bisley; we congratulate them. This year we improved on the 1950 performance. R. Deakin, with a score of 98, was the best individual shot at the Near East Rand Bisley and, accompanied by P. Shone, E. Jordan and R. Jordan, went through to the final Bisley.

In 1950 our Imperial Challenge Shield average showed a rise over previous years, despite our large number of recruits we hope to see a further improvement this year.

We offer special thanks to Mr. Boer and Mr. Swanepoel who, although they are not Cadet Officers, have helped with the shooting. Thanks also go to the Armoury Staff who, under Student Officer Smith, have so consistently played their part in servicing the rifles and generally helping on the range.

(With acknowledgment to The Star).

Cadet Officer N. R. MAHER receiving the Pirie Cup from Brigadier W. H. Hingeston, C.B.E., A.D.C.

HOUSE NOTES

Botha House

House Master: Mr. A. A. Volbrecht.
House Captain: C. Orbach.

Botha House, although it has not excelled in any specific sphere of activity, has proved itself a fine all-round House. We have some excellent material in our juniors. The admirable way in which they took part in our athletic meeting is worthy of praise.

Cricket. Captain: Baird.

Although both the senior and junior teams were defeated during the early stages of the competition, they certainly did not disgrace the House. Our senior team was defeated narrowly. Considering that at that stage we had no first team players, we did extremely well, owing mainly to the fine bowling of Baird and Hunter. There was not much to choose between our Junior team and their opponents and the result could have gone either way.

Rugby. Captain: Shone.

Our team gave a fine account of themselves in the inter-house competition. Although on paper our results do not look particularly impressive, I am convinced that with a little more luck, we could have done much better; perhaps even have won the competition.

Shone, Tooch, Royston and Baird gave good performances.

I was rather disappointed at the turn-out of our members at the matches.

Athletics.

The general standard of athletics in our House was good. Although we came third, there were not very many points between us and the winners. Unfortunately, we did not have many senior athletes and our points came mainly from the juniors. Noteworthy performances among these were put up by Vermeulen.

I should like to thank Mr. Volbrecht, our House-Master, who has never failed to show great interest in the activities of the House, for his co-operation.

C.O.

Churchill House

Housemaster: Mr. E. J. du Plessis.
House Captain: D. Deyzel.

Churchill House is the proud possessor of four House trophies: the Ward and Salmon Cup for House Rugby, the Evans and Leigh Cup for House Athletics, the Kritzinger Cup for Steeplechase and the Witwatersrand Rifles Cup for Cadet Efficiency. The competition for these cups became more and more keen as the year progressed and in no case did we have a walk-over.

Cricket. In our first match against Smuts we deserved our convincing victory, which was largely due to some fine batting by Deakin (84) and Kessel (25). Roberts and Broekhuizen bowled well. The competition was played on a knock-out basis and we opposed Montgomery in the final. After one of our opening batsmen had been run out for 0, the whole side collapsed and we were easily beaten. Deakin was again top scorer with 13, while Deyzel scored a rather lucky 10.

Rugby. In the House Rugby competition we played hard and deserved to win. We avenged our cricket defeat and scored six tries against Montgomery. In the remaining two matches our whole team played well, with Shaw always prominent. We defeated Botha by six points to three and Smuts by three points to nil.

Athletics. Once again Churchill was too strong for the others. We are proud of Shaw, Victor Ludorum, who helped considerably to win the Athletic Cup. In addition, we won the trophy for the Cross-Country; we congratulate Tickner on his fine performance and also the rest of the team who supported him so well.

On behalf of the House I should like to thank Mr. du Plessis, our house-master, for the great part he played in our success.

I hope that Churchill will uphold its good name.

D.D.

Montgomery House

House Master: Mr. W. Haffern.
House Captain: P. Katakuzinos.

Despite our conquest of the wooden spoon in the Athletic Sports, Montgomery House

has had its fair share in the other inter-house competitions.

First and foremost was our great cricket victory. In the first match we had an exciting win over Botha. Batting first we were all out for a mere 65 runs, our collapse being due to Baird's excellent bowling. In their turn our bowlers, Masterton and Katakuzinos, skittled the Botha team for 50 runs. In the final against Churchill we won by a comfortable five wickets. In scoring their 45 runs the Churchill batsmen were never comfortable against our fast bowlers, of whom Masterton did very well to take 5 wickets for 12 runs. A happy future for Montgomery cricket was promised by the winning of the Junior House Cricket Cup. The heroes of this second team were R. Jordan (Capt.) and D. Baker.

We are less proud of our Rugby. In our first game we were completely outmatched by Churchill to lose 0—18. In a fast game against Botha we lost 3—8, our try being scored by G. Green. We did not play Smuts as Churchill had already won the competition.

Before the final day of the Athletic Sports, Montgomery was in the lead but by the end of the day we found ourselves last. While we applaud T. Rogers and G. Robertson, we must express disappointment in the Under 15 and Under 16 sprinters; we thought that most of our athletes suffered from lack of training, for which there was no excuse. We thank Mr. Prinsloo and Mr. Meyers who were always willing to assist.

We were very sorry to lose our first house-master, Mr. Prinsloo, who has taken up a new appointment in Edenvale where we hope he will be very happy. All Montgomery House thanks him sincerely for his unstinted help and encouragement.

We welcome Mr. Haffern as our new house-master, who we hope will find his position a rewarding one.

P.K.

Smuts House

House Master: Mr. P. A. Vos.

House Captain: B. Pullock.

Cricket. We had a poor season. In the inter-house competition we played only one game which we lost to Churchill despite good play by V. Smith and N. Maher who scored 43 and 25 respectively. N. Maher took 5 for 52, J. Waugh 2 for 27.

Rugby. We won our first match 8—3, our tries being scored by B. Pullock and J. Gouws, who converted his own try. We congratulate C. Orbach on a brilliant try for Botha. In the fast and exciting game against Churchill, neither side could gain the upper hand until J. Gouws scored the only try of the day for Churchill.

Athletics. Smuts House sprang a surprise on everybody, when they nearly beat the winners, Churchill, at our Athletic sports, for at the end of the field events of the morning Churchill had built up a lead of 35 points. Our juniors did very well especially P. Stathoulis and H. Viljoen (Under 15) and J. Gouws and B. Hampson (Under 16). N. Maher was unlucky to twist his foot and just missed—by two points—the Victor Ludorum title; we were pleased to see him receive athletic colours.

The scoreboard, at the end of the day, read as follows:

Churchill 141;

Smuts 137, a margin of four points.

The fate of the House Trophy was only decided by the final event, the one mile standard relay.

We should like to thank our two house-masters, Mr. N. Muir who left Germiston in June, and Mr. P. Vos, both of whom gave us their whole-hearted support.

Smuts House can truly adopt Kipling's words "To meet triumph and disaster and treat those two impostors just the same," a quotation which has been so aptly applied to the life of our beloved Oubaas.

B.P.

The Fancy-Dress Hockey Match

Wednesday, the third of October, will long be remembered as the great triumph of brawn over brain. It was on that day that the outstanding hockey match took place between the "girls"of the Boys' High and the "boys" of the Girls' High.

The view from the side-line was not very encouraging to the lover of hockey. Cover drives and No. 2 iron shots were in profusion and the "girls" seemed to hold sway in a reign of terror. Daisy Dainty Deyzel shone as centre-forward but it seemed that she would be more at home in the scrum, and was frequently caught using the hand-off when leading the rush to the goal. Katie Kuzinos was the only one in the "girls" team who appeared to know anything of the game (it is whispered that she plays for Eastern Transvaal) and so was playing under a crippling handicap. However, she was responsible for both goals, to which an air of distinction was leant by Fanny Pullock who was ever the opportunist.

The "Boys" team seemed to have been intimidated by the vigorous play of their opponents and preferred to play the game at a distance. It was noticeable that they lost considerable ground in the melee, but whether that was due to the rugby instincts of the others or not, one cannot say. "Thug" Burrell and "Killer" Kilov were dauntless in going to the attack but did not have a reach equal to that of their opponents. "Bruiser" Munro had a busy time in the goal, using the uppercut with great effect, but performed her duties with admirable detachment.

One was immediately impressed by the dress. The "girls" turned out in a bright display of colour, though Widow Rogers was still in mourning. Stockings appeared to be giving trouble and were not sufficiently impressed by the gravity of the situation to remain suspended. Miss Shone was striking in a pretty cotton frock with slim waist-line, but lacked that essential feminine dignity. The four referees were inadequate for the immense task appointed them, but occasionally succeeded in suspending the chaos to award an obscure free hit. Of these four the most striking and active was our Beau Brummel, Mr. Haffern, who was pre-occupied by a whistle draped round his neck with reckless abandon, on which he constantly serenaded the players.

The result, which, of course, as I heard the girls say, was of the least importance, was a win for the Boys' High (Yeah! Boys' High!) by two goals to one.

—E. Jordan (V).

A Fishing Experience

As my father and I are both fishing enthusiasts we always spend a week or two at the coast during the salmon season. It was on one of these occasions that we were privileged to accompany a party of anglers down the South Coast.

It was Saturday and I had prepared my tackle according to advice given to me by an old hand at the game the previous night. Little did I expect to have such a thrilling experience that day.

At about midday we came across a large shoal of sardines which, according to news reports, was not expected till the following day. I could plainly see the big game-fish chasing the smaller fish and sometimes even breaking water.

Our party of seven was constantly landing fish as we were in amongst them and had only to drop our baited lines over the sides of the boat to have the bait snapped at by perhaps a barracuda, garrick or salmon. Within half an hour I had already landed three fish, all of which weighed about fifteen pounds.

Baiting up once more, I lowered my line over the side. This time I began to get impatient as all the other baited lines were being snapped at, but not mine. But suddenly a garrick snapped at mine and was off.

Having had previous experiences with garrick, I knew how to act, and quickly too, if I may say so, or else I should certainly have lost this beauty. It was nearly three o'clock before I managed to tire him enough to land him and even then he fought endlessly till I proved too much for him.

By this time I was completely exhausted and perspiration just dripped off my face and my hands were painfully blistered. That night we weighed the garrick at the Durban Angling Club and it weighed eighty-seven pounds. The same night I was presented with a medal which I am very proud of and treasure very dearly.

—Brian Cooper (IID).

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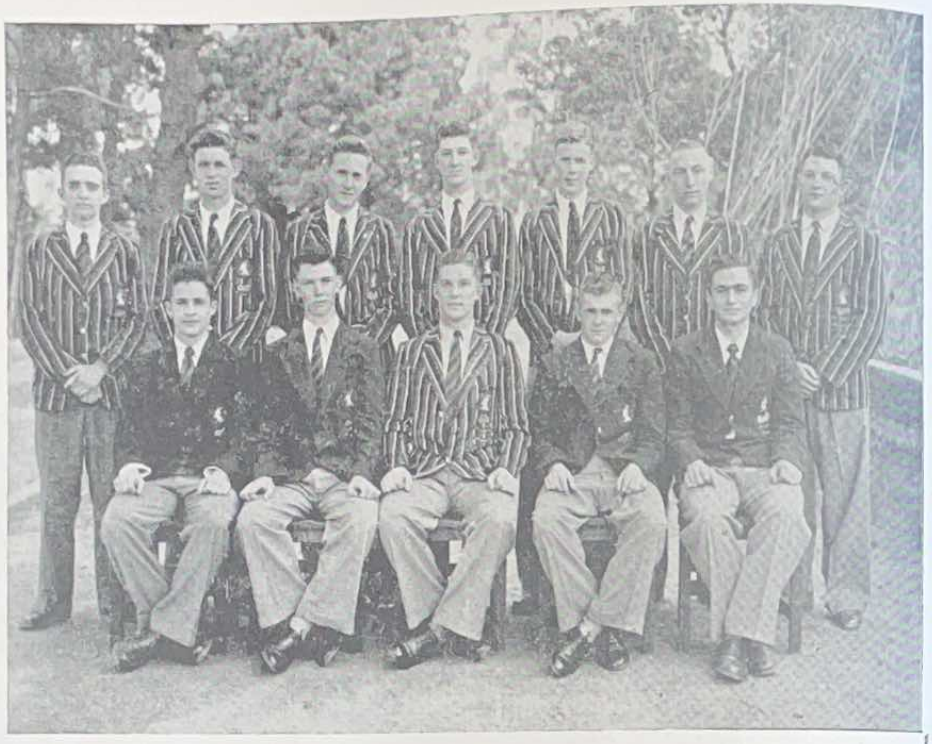

Sitting: C. Orbach, P. Pullock, D. v. B. Deyzel (*Head of School*), P. C. Shone (*Deputy Head Boy*), P. G. Katakuzinos.
Standing: R. G. Buchel, R. B. Deakin, A. C. Roberts, V. J. Smith, P. L. Andrew, L. R. de Kock, N. R. Maher.

Winter

Die winter is so leeg en kaal,
so koud is elke aand.
Ek wens dat ek vooruit kan haal
die eerste somermaand.

My tande klap van koue,
Komberse help maar min,
my truie met langmoue
is nou ook glad te dun.

Die blare van die bome
lê almal op die grond.
Die water van die strome
staan in die poele rond.

H. BEADON (1D).

Where Have You Heard These?

"Ag, but man, will I never be able to teach you that a two term expression has no roots?"

"It is yourrr duty to do yourrr homework and I hope that you boys hae done yourrr duty."

"„Kom nou kêrels, julle moet die pratery asseblief op die kop slaan."

"Why ask me? I don't know. I've never been there."

"Right! For the twenty seventh time, will you people stop talking?"

"Sloppy, lazy, slovenly, incompetent crew . . . . "

"Ja — maybe . . . . "

Blommeprag

Prag en praal van al die velde,
lig nou jul hoofde hoog.
Sulke skoonheid sien ons selde,
blomme, blomme om te loof.

Papawers rooi en lelies wit,
pronk in die beddings heen.
Hul blare is van fynste snit,
rein en skoon, ja iedereen.

O Glorie van die oggendstond,
pryk steeds in stilte voort!
Verfris die wêreld om jul rond
met geure soet van elke soort.

—Marinus Reynierse (IIIB).

Superstitions—Old and New

Superstition may be defined as belief in anything, especially in anything abnormal or supernatural, without sufficient evidence. The Romans limited their word to excessive religious belief, but the modern usage gives it wider scope.

Popular superstitions rapidly diminish before the sun of knowledge, but their number is still great. In former times whole lives were passed in an atmosphere of dread. Nothing could be begun on a Friday; animals crossing one's path, or birds flying this and that way were fearful portents; dreams had prophetic meanings; the guttering of candles, the crackling of the fire, the spilling of salt, and hundreds of other such trifles became matters of grave importance. To sit down thirteen to dinner was almost an act of murder, as one of the company would infallibly die before the year was out; and to lay down the knife and fork cross-wise in the plate heralded disaster.

Moon-superstitions formed a large class. Untold evils would occur to any one who first saw the new moon through glass, unless the unfortunate person at once averted the omen by turning the money in his pocket.

Marriage was fenced about with superstitions. Before going to church the bride had to cry, and she dared not look at herself in the mirror when fully dressed, or mischief would ensue. On entering the church, the bride had to look straight ahead, and coming home from church, as she neared her father's house, a plate of cake had to be thrown from a window so as to break the plate and scatter the crumbs. This, however, was risky, for should the plate not break it was a horrible sign.

Even today, many superstitions still exist. Walking under ladders is still thought to bring bad luck — again, however, by merely throwing salt over the left shoulder, this luck will turn. Most modern superstitions are gambling superstitions. These are among the few delusions of the kind that are really believed in by educated people. As a rule superstitions and ignorance go together; but in this instance it is rather the alliance of superstition with a low moral than a low intellectual type of person. To shuffle cards over-long shuffles away luck. To play with passion inevitably destroys one's luck. Stubbornness at play means ruin. Fortune never forgives those who neglect her warnings. The cards never forgive; a revoke or a piece of careless play is revenged by them for a whole evening.

As soon as people know how to reason and habitually use that knowledge, they will not refuse to watch a pot lest they should delay the boiling, nor to count their fish lest their angling should have no more success, nor to pass beneath a ladder, for fear of some unknown Thing that always lurks in the heart of the most enlightened of us.

—A McRae.

Sonsopkoms

Vir 'n dorpenaar wat deur 'n wekker gewek word is die sonsopkoms op die berge 'n magnifieke toneel. Ook ek het dit al beleef. My vorige vakansie het ek in 'n klein gehuggie tussen die berge deurgebring. Een môre het ek besluit om te sien hoe dagbreek op die berge lyk.

Ek het vroeg opgestaan en 'n berg agter die huis beklim, en daar het ek op 'n rots die naderende dag gesit en afwag. 'n Rukkie voor sonop het die eerste haan met sy luide trompetgeskal die slapendes probeer

ontwaak, en weldra het hane op ander werwe die gekraai opgeneem. Die fonkelende sterre op hul swart agtergrond bo my kop, het met verdrag begin verdof. Dit was die eerste teken van die naderende lig. Aan die oosterkim het die grou, grys, wolke skielik tot 'n onbeskryflike mooi roos-kleurige mantel verander.

Die voëls het by dié tyd begin ontwaak en vlieg al een-een rond op soek na kos, terwyl hulle volborstig hulle getjiert uiter. Die bergtop word geraak deur die eerste verblindende sonnestraal, en dadelik vlug die huiwerige skaduwees die vallei binne, om daar skuiling te soek totdat die soekende, tastende vingers louter goud die peillose dieptes van die vallei binnedring en hulle weer verwilder.

Die melkkoeie, moeg van wag met oorvolle uiers, bulk ongeduldig luidkeels en die omringende vallei en klowe bulk weemoedig mee. En terwyl die son al hoër styg, daal ek af na die nou lewende dorpie, bly en verheug dat ek so 'n verruklike skoonheid gesien het.

— J.C.W. (V).

A Visit to Mathematics Land

Imagine my surprise, after dropping off to sleep, to find myself in a strange land where the grass and plants were square root signs.

The first person I came across was a little hypotenuse who was extremely sad. It appeared that the wicked ruler of Mathematics Land had confiscated his other two sides as well as his right angle, and he was very attached to his right angle. I persuaded my new acquaintance to accompany me on my journey through the land. Everywhere I saw depression and misery. Non-congruent triagles were forced to team up with each other to work on the graph-paper fields.

"You see," said the hypotenuse, "none of the mathematical symbols and geometrical figures really like the ruler; as for the people who work with them, they positively detest him. He makes us work day and night and we never get a rest. He is tall, and round in the middle and has a smaller red circle on top; he is always immaculately dressed. He has a faithful ally whose favourite steed is a complicated formula discovered by a man called Albert Einstein."

Just at that moment we heard the sound of hooves, and shortly after there appeared the ruler's ally. He was tall and had a face in which the muscles were very taut. The corner of his mouth was pulled up in a sneer and he had fierce squinting eyes. He brandished an outstretched pair of blackboard compasses, and as a shield he had a large wooden protractor. As he came riding up we heard him shout, "Rise and shine, rise and shine," a great many times. He dismounted, walloped the hypotenuse for being without a right angle, pulled me on to his formula and off we went to the ruler's castle.

As we drew near the castle I could distinctly hear someone saying: "Ag man, what do you come to school for? You should know that alpha could never be equal to beta in a scalene triangle." As we got nearer still the talking stopped and we could hear a swishing noise. We entered the castle which was made of triangles and quadrilaterals. In the middle of the reception room was a gigantic parabola graph. Then for the first time I saw the ruler. He was sliding down the parabola on his back and he leered at me as he slid past.—The swishing noise was explained.

Alas, his momentum was not great enough to carry him to the top of the parabola; so he slid down backwards and broke his neck.

Great was the joy of the equations for now they could be solved. Once more the air was filled with the songs of x squareds and isosceles triangles. I then returned to the world of men and woke up and went to school. Grief! There was the ruler coming majestically up the stairs, followed by his ally.

—J. Willemse (V).

The House Agent

There is a saying that if you ever shake hands with a Japanese make sure you count your fingers when you have finished. I have never been able to say why, but this saying always reminds me of the cunning, astute house agent. Not long ago I had the mischance of associating with one. I had ideas of buying a small house and decided, after much doubt and hesitation, to contact an agent. There will, however, be no future doubt on this point, for I have learnt my lesson. The smiling, polished Beau Brummel appeared early one morning and said that he had "just the thing." He took me to the house—which looked more like an antique—and showed me through every room, always making sure to cover the deep cracks with his back and to close the doors carefully so as not to knock the plaster off the ceiling. After each room had received its praise and after we had found our way out of the maze of dark passages and small rooms, the agent effortlessly produced a gold pen. He handed it to me and asked if I would care to write with it. The bright gold object was subtly guided to a dotted line and it glided smoothly over the paper: the agent glided smoothly out of the door and—the house was mine!

Alan McRae (IV).

Pirate Fancy

Long ago, in days of old,
Pirates roamed the Spanish Main.
Where is the pirate gold
Which countless years has lain?
Where do the buried treasures lie,
And all the ships they sunk—
The sailors who were made to die
In doomed schooner or Chinese junk?
The mystery deepens every year,
Of gallant ships and men;
Their disappearance, and the fear,
Should they return, where and when?

By JOHN DOIG (IID)

Daar tussen die rotse

ONS het net klaar geëet en die ander seuns sit nog om die vuur en gesels. Outa Jan was die skottelgoed. Ek het opgestaan om 'n entjie te gaan stap.

Ek het tot by die tamaai rotse geloop wat ver uit in die see strek. Ek het oor hul geklouter tot ek omtrent twintig tree in die see was. Op die punt van 'n rots het ek gaan staan en net oor die see getuur.

In die verte kom branders aan so groot soos huise wat rol en dreun tot by die rotse waar hul soos 'n donderslag oor die rotse breek en borrelende skuim tot ver op die sand uitstuur.

Die see het intussen al rowwer geword. Die branders het hoër en groter geword. Water en skuim het teen my voete begin slaan. Ek moes op 'n hoër rots klim om van die water af weg te kom.

Dit het so aangegaan tot ek my weer op die sand kom kry waar ek nog steeds oor die see staan en tuur het.

Daar ver op die horison verskyn blink liggies, want by dié tyd was dit al taamlik donker. Dit moet 'n passasiersskip wees. „Die arme passasiers" dink ek. „Hier staan ek op vaste bodem terwyl hul daar op die genade van die woedende golwe oorgelaat is en van eenkant na die ander geslinger word."

Skielik bars daar 'n kreet deur die lug. Ek ruk eintlik soos ek skrik en gee 'n sug van verligting toe ek besef dat dit net die seuns is wat na my roep. Ek stap toe oor die sandduine terug na my tent, kruip onder my komberse in en val in 'n diepe slaap . . slaap . . . slaap . . .

P. G. TRAUT (3A).

Stormy Night

This is the story
Of a night so stormy
The sky seems lighted
With darting lightning
As it seems to seek
The life of the street.

Far o'er the moors
The thunder roars
And frightened steeds
Dance in the meads,
As it seems to seek
The life of the meek.

By H. VENTER and T. E. MUTCH (IIIB).

Early Morning

IT is early morning. The first rays of the pale wintry sun have chased the gloom of night from between the buildings and out

of the doorways, splashing the eastern windows of the city with liquid fire.

The milkmen are abroad in the deserted streets, their horses' hooves ringing loud and clear through the crisp air, puffing clouds of steam from their dilated nostrils, making them look like strange, tiny locomotives. High up on the cart among the clinking bottles sits the driver, with the collar of his old army coat turned high up about his ears.

As one watches, blinds and curtains are drawn apart, and the sleeping city begins to waken.

An early tramcar rattles on steel tracks through still deserted streets and sways and clatters out to some distant suburb to fetch the stiff and red-eyed workers to the toil of another day.

Whistling merrily and tunelessly, a noisy Zulu "boy" begins to wash the marble steps of a block of flats, banging his bucket at every possible opportunity, calling loudly to a similarly employed friend in the next block.

Slowly the tempo of life increases; factory and office workers flow out of doorways in a seemingly endless stream. School children, some whistling gaily, others "creeping slowly like a snail" set out to begin another day.

House-wives with hair screwed up into untidy, wispy knots, and in multi-coloured aprons, sweep back verandahs and bang pots and pans in tiny kitchens.

The city is awake.

S. FANAROFF (IIA)

Miniature Car Racing

IN 1924 a few young men decided to build some miniature racing cars. In those days there were no model engines such as there are today so the cars were either propelled by means of rubber strands or by clock-work motors. The speeds reached by these miniature cars were between 40 and 45 m.p.h.

In 1939 an American firm produced a model engine. It was made on the same lines as a full-sized six-cylinder engine, that is, it had a magneto and a condenser, and received a current from batteries. After the petrol engine had proved successful, an English firm made the "glow plug engine". This engine was more suitable for miniature cars because it was, on the average, higher revving and batteries were only needed to start the engine. As soon as the engine was going the batteries were taken off. Another American firm, in 1945, built a complete model racing car. It had a "glow plug" engine, a differential and a very smart looking body. The speed of this car rose to over 70 m.p.h.

In Johannesburg on the 30th of September a new speed was reached, though it was not an official record, of 105.8 m.p.h., which I think is pretty good for an 8½ c.c. engine.

H. CRAVEN (IIIB).

Herinneringe

3 September 1939. Inderdaad 'n somber, merkwaardige datum.

'n Helderskone, wolklose lentedag in die Boland, soos hierdie tyd van die jaar alleen in hierdie streek kan aanbied.

Maar wat 'n ooglopende kontras! Die jonggroen van die eike op Stellenbosch lyk bleek — bleek soos die bleekwit gewels van sommige van die drie-honderd-jarige Hollandse boustylwonings wat nog hier langs die strate staan. Die lou lenteson wat lui deur die bome dring, spikkel fantastiese figure op die swart teerstrate. Swart, besonder swart lyk die teerstrate vandag, asof hul rou betuig met 'n wenende wêreld.

Die bloeisels van die boorde teen Jonkershoek se rante, druip ook effens, en as 'n ligte westewindjie so daartussen jool-vlieg, fladder enkele pienkwit stippeltjies na benede soos blommetjies wat op die kis in 'n graf neersak.

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Die wêreld rou, die wêreld treur,
die mensdom is in twee geskeur.
Oorlog, wrede oorlog weer,
na twintig jare, nog 'n keer.

P.A.V.

The Slave's Dream

Beside the unfinished schoolwork he lay,
His pencil in his hand;
The paper was bare, his matted hair
Had ink on from his hand;
Again in the midst of shadow of sleep
He saw his native land.

Wide through the landscape of his dreams
The sparkling swim-pool flowed;
Beneath the palm-trees on the plain
Once more a free boy he strode,
And heard the soap-box derby cars
Descend the mountain road.

He saw once more his dark-eyed team
Upon the sports-field stand;
They clasped his neck, they kissed his cheeks,
They held him by the hand!
A tear burst from the sleeper's lids
And rolled down on his hand.

And then at furious speed he rode
Upon his home-made tank;
His would-be wheels, big cotton reels;
And with a martial clank
At each shove he felt the chain of steel
Smiting the sides of his tank.

The playing fields, with myriad tongues
Shouted of liberty;
The blast of rugby cried aloud
With voice so wild and free,
That he started in his sleep and smiled
At their tempestuous glee.

He did not hear the teacher's quip
Nor the bell at end of day;
For school-work had forced and worn out his brain
And this slumbering boy now lay
A worn out fetter that school-work
Had broken and thrown away!

J. TAYLOR (IIIA).

How Not to Pass

AMONG you brainy (or otherwise) pupils of our G.B.H.S. there are many who have practised the simple art of failing. However, many have not had this delightful experience of remaining for another carefree, workfree year in the same class and so I suggest you try it.

1. HOMEWORK. Why do it? Why spend hours trying to work out an Algebra problem and then find the answer, which you got, to be wrong?

Why "swot" your History? Who cares about what they did years ago? Most of those characters are dead and forgotten, except to teachers, of course. And the same goes for Latin, and all its verbs and declensions.

You can always get up an exciting game of cricket or listen in to the "Twilight Ranger" and "Superman" instead of doing your homework. The consequences? Never mind.

2. CLASSWORK. Classwork is extremely boring. In fact so boring that one yawns throughout the lesson, which brings consistent remarks about how late you go to bed.

Who wants to know where Umzongo is anyway? Why sit and draw maps during Geography lessons? Not to mention the boring subjects on which you must write compositions in Afrikaans and those Arithmetic sums which never work out.

To while away the time in your cramped-up position in the desk, I suggest you make paper aeroplanes or paper darts, which when dipped in ink make excellent missiles, provided your aim is accurate.

Your set of Mathematical instruments also makes an excellent toy. A drawing pin, placed on someone's seat brings excellent and rather quick results.

This is definitely more exciting than classwork.

If you follow these rules:—

1. Never do homework,
2. Play in class,
3. Pay no attention to the master,

I am sure you will succeed in failing.

One point to bear in mind is to put your name on the examination paper or else somebody else may get your deserving mark, (0).

Good luck in your effort.

N. LEVINSON (IIA).

The Fluke . . .

"Grab this and get started," the master blared
On our entering the laboratory quite unprepared.
Our knowledge of science he said he would test,
And though we knew none we did try our best.

Reactions and symbols crowded the board,
And after our moan, peace was restored.
As I stared thoughtfully over the lake
Some sulphur gas he decided to make.

Before giving up to utter despair
And calling the whole test very unfair,
I decided to balance the dozen reactions,
And found to my horror that I had got fractions.

At the sound of the bell I handed my work in
And crashed out through the corridor's din
But science I have passed, I'm in my seventh heaven,
For, Oh, in the test, I got thirty-seven.

V. V. D'OLIVEIRA.

A Punny Story

EARLY one Day, in front of one of the Holmes opposite the Park with Frost still on the Law -n, a Gardner Pottered around, tending the Rose-Innes garden, pulling out old Roets, making Ruth-less Waugh on snails with a Stone or by Stanton on them; and occ-Cachia-nally digging. This made his Armstrong but it also gave him a t-Hirst and he longed for a Behr.

Soon he was dreaming of cool Woods and Downs by the Bay, with a Larkin the trees and doves Billing and cooing, while he strolled with Winn-some Dolly, Viera or Miss Hepburn; or fishing in the Kristal clear Lague between Green Hills pulling Da Silva Traut into the Botes; or becoming a Hunter on the Brown, windy Moore.

Then, to Maher his dreams, his son called to him.

"There's a Mann at the gate, a Stranger with a Blackbeard who wants to Sell things. Do you want Mittens?"

"Good Greeff, no!"

"Or MacConachie's Honey?"

"'Evans, no!"

"Or a Flagg?"

"Don't talk Tweddle — You're very Kihn to sell me something. What is it?"

"Braid for my blazer."

"How Mutch?"

"Only five shillings a yard.'

"Shamos him. It's Day-light Robertson. I want nothing."

"Not even a Button?'"

The man became Raath-ful and aimed a Blow at the Boy, making a Denton his cheek. Just then Cook came to Sayers the Baker 'ad called and she wanted the Keough the pantry.

"Wright. Wait a Wylie. Don't Rusch me," he said. Smit with Greeff, he bent over his son who still felt Deyzel-d. He saw a Tooch he had knocked out, and his eyes Shone with pity. To make his cup of Shamos Fuller, the Dean came past on his Swart Maré and looked shocked. The Harris-ed father decided to seek forgiveness on the Shaws of the Jordan — but on looking up he saw two Katz chasing his Cox over his new Hawthorne plants and he promptly lost his Temperton.

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There was a young man called McRae
Who once joined the S.P.C.A.
When asked to subscribe
He said, with a jibe,
"'Tis I need protection, not they!"

There was a young fellow called Dean
Whose figure was lissom and lean.
To admirers he'd cry,
"T'is easy as pie;
Just ask the kind gentleman, Green."

Said the oddest of fellows named Braid,
"But of course the barber was paid.
His skill must be great
If he can create
The neatest hair style on parade."

(Anon.).

Limerick

There was an old man from the Cape,
Whose nose was all out of shape,
But when it was altered,
The poor man was jolted,
For it resembled that of an ape.

J. ROSÉN (IA).

Sywurms

Nou is die tyd vir sywurms. Ek het omtrent vyftig in 'n dosie met gaatjies daarin vir lug. Hulle het wit nekke en is bruin of swart van daar af tot by die stert. Hulle word groot op moerbeiblare. Die grootste is omtrent 'n kwartduim in lengte op die oomblik. Hul groei baie gou tot 'n lengte van 1½ tot 2 duim.

Daarna hou hulle op met eet en begin om sy rondom hulle te spin. Dan gaan hulle slaap.

As hul wakker word en uitkruip, is hulle wit motte. Hulle eet niks meer nie maar hul lê baie geel eiers. Dan sterwe hulle.

So gaan die kringloop van die natuur.

T. KLEWANSKY (1A).

Do you know . . . .

that the great singer, Enrico Caruso, could shatter a glass by singing at it?

that the starfish, when one of its arms is cut off, will not only grow another in its place, but that the cast-off arm will actually grow a new starfish?

that the humming-bird is the only one that can fly backwards and sidewards?

that bagpipes were used in China many years ago?

that Lewis Carroll was a lecturer in Mathematics?

that the game of chess originated in India?

that the great Canadian lakes hold half the fresh water in the world?

Asked by S. FANAROFF (IIA).

During a discussion in an English class, the question of choosing schools was brought up. One bright girl contributed her bit: "Well", she said, "first you've got to decide whether you want to go to a co-education school or an education one."

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Quotations

History is not what it is; it's what the writer wanted it to be.

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A child prodigy is a child who knows as much when it is a child as it does when it grows up.

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The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of work. — Sarah A. Bolton.

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I don't think much of a man who is not wiser to-day than he was yesterday. — Abraham Lincoln.

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Originality is simply a pair of fresh eyes.

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Art is more godlike than science. Science discovers; art creates. — John Opie.

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There is but one straight road to success, and that is merit. — B. Cochran.

N.S.

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A Form V boy did not see eye two I with the dictionary.

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Teacher: "Give me a collective noun."
Boy: "A vacuum cleaner, Sir."

Puzzle Page About IA

1. Who wisely rules his flock each day?
2. What teacher's name would rhyme with fly?
3. Who babbles and chatters all day?
4. Who used to box all the boys' ears when he was small?
5. Who has one sandle repaired each week?
6. Who danced the hat tango at the ball?
7. Who could smell a rose, narcissus, and violets all day?
8. How many cats will there be on the wall tonight?

A. SAUNDERS (1A).

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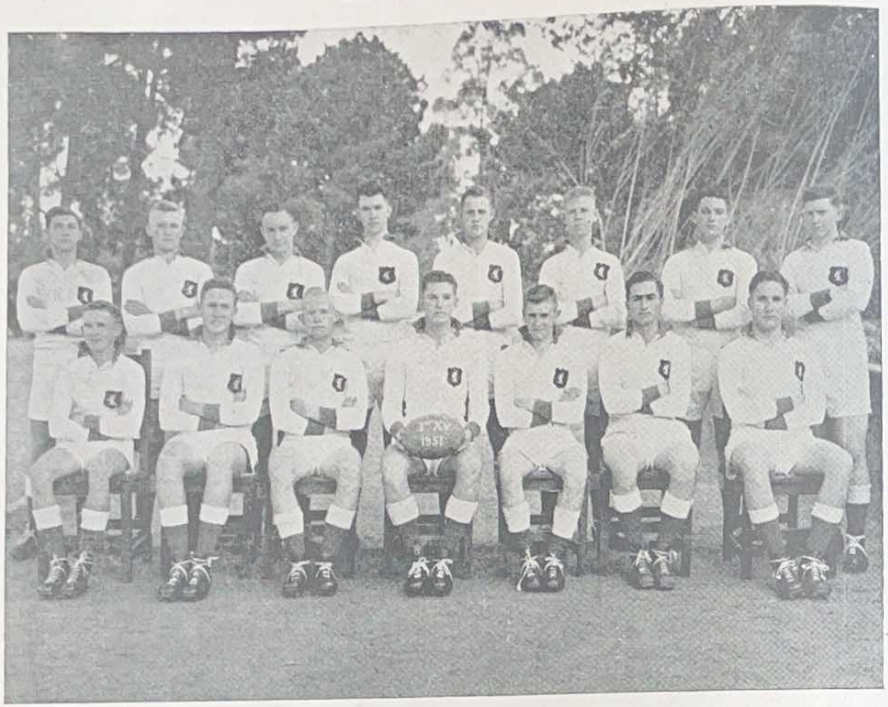

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Rugby 1951

THIS year we participated in the Germiston and Boksburg Schools' Rugby League. All the teams, especially the Juniors, showed great enthusiasm and esprit de corps. This augurs well for the future and if more boys played, within a short time we should be able to field formidable teams.

In all, we fielded eight teams this year and in spite of the lack of accustomed feminine support, the teams all acquitted themselves well.

The 1st XV, captained by D. Deyzel, started off well in their new white jerseys, which replaced the familiar black and white, losing narrowly against the Afrikaans High School (6—0), Voortrekker High (8—3) and C.B.C. (6—0). A short while later our defeat at the hands of C.B.C. was avenged at Driehoek when we beat them 8—0. Voortrekker, who eventually won the League, defeated us at Boksburg (14—0) for the second time. Our most formidable opponents were Springs High School, who beat us 29—3.

However, six members of the team gained the distinction of representing a combined Boksburg-Germiston team against a combined Rustenburg team. Colours were awarded to D. Deyzel P. Shone, B. Pullock and N. Maher.

The 2nd XV (Captain: P. Botha) had fewer matches to play, but were able to show their worth and managed to beat some of their opponents.

Our Under 15 teams produced rugby of a very high standard and in spite of a heavy defeat at the beginning of the season at the hands of Afrikaans High, they were very narrowly beaten by them in the final of the competition (6—0). Royston, the captain, led his team very ably.

In the Under 14 teams, some promising material came to light, and they were very unfortunate not to play in the final.

The Under 13, captained by W. le Roux, did not succeed in winning a game. However, very fine team spirit was shown in all their games throughout the season. Two players represented a combined Germiston Schools' team against Vereeniging.

The rugby coaches did sterling work and are to be congratulated on the improvement brought about by their efforts.

Cricket

First XI

Captain 1950: J. Macgregor.
Captain 1951: R. Deakin.

THE 1st XI maintained the high level it had reached in the previous season when Springs were defeated, and Jeppe were lucky to escape with a draw. The most interesting matches were one which the school lost to Marists (Observatory) by 20 runs, after being in a winning position, and the Jeppe match, which the school lost by 4 wickets.

The side was carried mainly by three outstanding players.

McGregor captained the side well, batted stylishly, yet forcefully, and made an efficient wicket-keeper. He played for the Transvaal Nuffield team for the second year running.

Nijland's batting was not as attractive to watch as was McGregor's, but with his keen eye, he scored as well as his captain. In addition, his left-arm bowling was steady and accurate to a degree rarely seen in a schoolboy. He was very close to Nuffield cricket standard.

Whenever Troup found a responsive wicket, he did well as an opening bowler. His fielding was excellent, and he sometimes made runs with big hitting.

The other batsmen almost invariably failed to build on the good opening partnerships of McGregor and Nijland. Deakin, however, did well on occasion, especially in his innings against Jeppe.

Results—Fourth Term 1950:

vs. Marists (Observatory) at Delville.
Marists: 123 (Troup 6 for 42).
The School: 103 (McGregor 30, Nijland 27).
Marists (Observatory) won by 20 runs.

vs. C.B.C. Boksburg at Delville.
C.B.C.: 60 (Troup 5 for 24).
The School: 65 for 9 (Deakin 20).
The School won by 2 wickets.

vs. Athlone at Delville.
The School: 84 (Bates 23).
Athlone: 85 for 5 (Troup 2 for 17).
Athlone won by 5 wickets.

vs. Marists (Inanda).
Marists (Inanda): 300 for 8 (Smith (Victor) 4 for 74).
The School: 173 (Roberts 40).
Marists (Inanda) won by 127 runs.

vs. K.E.S. 2nd XI at K.E.S.
The School: 89 (Newman 17).
K.E.S. 2nd XI: 79 for 6 (Katakuzinos 4 for 31).
Match drawn.

vs. Jeppe at Jeppe.
The School: 114 (Deakin 43, Nijland 26).
Jeppe: 115 for 6 (Nijland 3 for 19).
Jeppe won by 4 wickets.

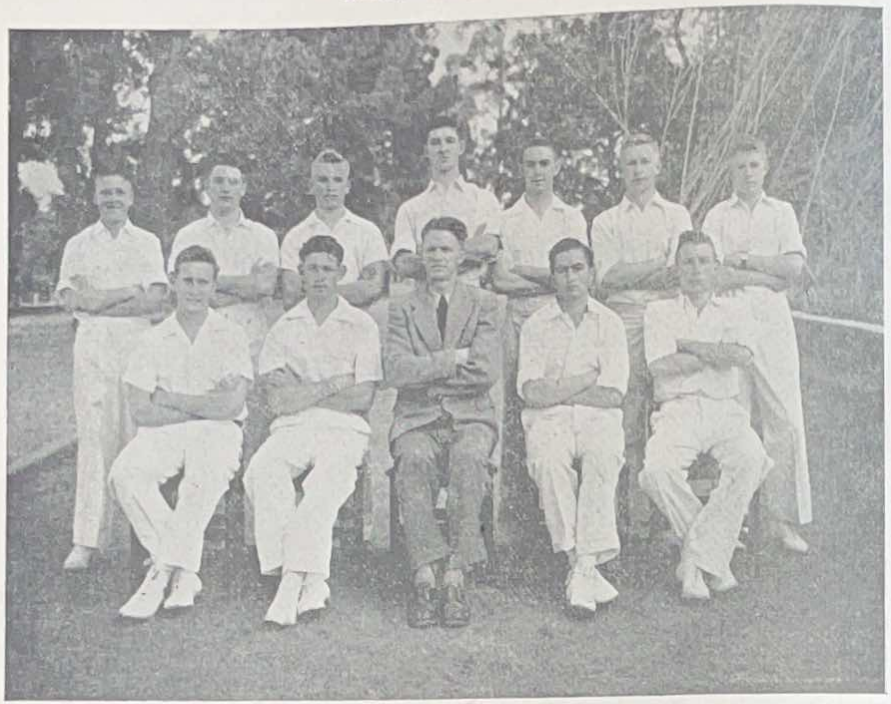
vs. Krugersdorp High at Krugersdorp.
The School: 41 (Rose-Innes 14 not out).
Krugersdorp: 69 (Bates 6 for 27).
The School: 122 (Bates 42, Rose-Innes 36 not out).
Krugersdorp: 85 for 4 (Katakuzinos 3 for 56).
Krugersdorp won by 5 wickets on the 1st innings.

vs. Benoni at Delville.
The School: 207 for 9 (declared) (Bates 56, Deakin 31).
Benoni: 133 (Nijland 6 for 38).
The School won by 74 runs.

First Term, 1951.

The three stars having left school, the 1st XI found it very difficult to score enough runs to win matches. Indeed, if it had not

FIRST XI, 1951



Sitting: A. C. Roberts, R. B. Deakin, S. G. Campbell, Mr. R. Davis, P. G. Katakuzinos.
Standing: M. D. Kessell, N. R. Maher, J. W. Baird, V. J. Smith, G. P. van Blerk, H. F. A. Rose-Innes, and R. I. Masterton.

been for the fine fast bowling of Katakuzinos and Roberts, the School would have had difficulty in winning a single match. Only the captain, Deakin, shaped as a batsman of promise. Of the other bowlers, Maher with his off-breaks showed up best.

Results, 1st term—1951.

vs. Witwatersrand Command XI at Delville.
The School: 38.
Wit. Command 36 (Roberts 8 for 21).
The School: 103 for 4 (declared) (Deakin 50 not out).
Wit. Command: 61 for 3 (Nicolson 3 for 8).
The School won by 2 runs on the 1st innings.

vs. Marists (Inanda) at Inanda.
Marists: 112 (Katakuzinos 4 for 35, Roberts 3 for 15).
The School: 50.
Marists: 38 for 5 (declared) (Katakuzinos 4 for 17).
The School: 22 for 4.
Marists won on first innings by 62 runs.

vs. Benoni at Benoni.
The School: 45 (Maher 21).
Benoni: 41 (Roberts 5 for 11; Katakuzinos 5 for 20).
The School won by 4 runs.

vs. Springs at Springs.
The School: 34.
Springs: 62 for 2 wickets.
Springs won by 9 wickets.

vs. The Staff at Delville.
The Staff: 71.
The School: 76 for 6.
The School won by 4 wickets.

vs. Marists (Inanda) at Inanda.
The School: 62 (Masterton 23).
Marists: 118 for 8 (declared) (Maher 3 for 40).
The School: 86 for 6 (Deakin 35; van Blerk 23).
Marists won on first innings by 7 wickets.

vs. Athlone at Athlone.
Athlone: 90 (Roberts 3 for 23).
The School: 54 for 7 (Maher 14).
Match drawn.

Critique of 1951 First XI Players

R. DEAKIN (Captain). A keen cricketer, with a studious approach to the game. A batsman with a fine range of shots and a useful change bowler.

P. KATAKUZINOS (Vice-Captain). A fast bowler with an exceptionally smooth action. The spearhead of a strong attack.

P. ATKIN. Although only in Form Two kept wicket soundly for some very fast bowling. Unfortunately now in England.

S. CAMPBELL. As yet does not reproduce his true batting form in matches. Should improve with experience.

M. KESSEL. A promising bat, who is content to wear the bowling down. Scores a high proportion of his runs with a rather late cut. By no means the most alert fielder in the side.

N. MAHER. A most useful all-rounder. His forceful but unorthdox batting does not always come off. His accurate off-spinners can always be relied upon to close up one end. A fine fielder.

I. MASTERTON. A steady medium-paced bowler and an aggressive bat when he gets into his stride. Fielding rather shaky.

A. ROBERTS. Another hostile fast bowler, particularly when he gets some help from the wicket. An aggressive, if not very sound batsman.

D. ROSE-INNES. An outstanding boundary fielder. Has only lately begun to fulfil his early promise as a batsman.

V. SMITH. Opening bat. Too much of a student to devote enough time to cricket.

R. THOMPSON. A steady bat and wicket-keeper.

G. VAN BLERK. Bowls leg-breaks with a deceptive googly. Faulty length sometimes lets him in for punishment. A stylish bat, but over-awed by the big occasion.

Second XI

The team can look back on its endeavours with real satisfaction. Campbell, Kessel, Masterton and Thompson showed much improvement and it is to be hoped that they and the other players will continue to make use of the coaching facilities open to them. Our players should develop into a force of which the school can be proud.

The following were regular players in the Second Team: J. Baird, B. Botes, M. Broekhuizen, S. Campbell, D. Clarke, H. Craven, D. Jackson, E. Jordan, M. Honey, I. Masterton, R. Reading, D. Stange and J. Waugh.

Third XI

During the 1950-51 season, this team, composed of boys up to Standard Eight, played in a local league.

We compared very favourably with the other teams in the league, and matches were closely contested. Unfortunately our team lost by a narrow margin on rather too many occasions. We congratulate the Afrikaans Hoërskool team on winning the league trophy.

Outstanding players in our team were Fernandez, Hines, Hartley, Elias and Sandos.

Under 14A

During the first term of this year, our Under 14A team played eight matches, of which we won five, lost two and drew one.

Athlone narrowly defeated us by 4 runs. In that exciting match, C. Hunter was the most successful batsman, making 37, while P. Cachia was the best bowler. Against Benoni we enjoyed a moral victory. Benoni were all out for 81, Hunter and Cachia sharing the bowling honours; we had made 79 for 7 when rain stopped play.

Our most successful match was that against Marists (Inanda). We won the toss and put them in to bat on a very lively wicket. Marists were all out for 11 runs, Cachia taking 7 wickets for 5 runs and Hunter 3

turns — and Robertson (Capt.), Andrew, Nicolson, Roberts, Kessel, Fanaroff and reserve Elias.

Throughout the season the team lost only one match, against Voortrekker. The standard of play produced this year was high.

We are sorry that Mr. Muir left us, and we wish him success at his new post at Krugersdorp. We welcome back Mr. Vos.

Next year we shall have a few young members in the team and we are confident that we shall retain leadership in the League.

Our heartiest congratulations to two Old Boys, Nyland and Murphy, on reaching the final of the Southern Transvaal Under Eighteen Boys' Doubles Championship and to Murphy for winning the Under Sixteen Singles title.

J. NICOLSON is this year's outstanding player.

P. ANDREW is well above our league standard and with Nicolson formed a powerful couple who lost only one set in league matches.

G. ROBERTSON (Captain) has a good fore-arm drive, but is erratic.

M. KESSEL is a steady player and paired very well with Robertson.

A. ROBERTS showed extremely good form on occasions.

S. FANAROFF is young and should become a good player.

Results:

FIRST TEAM.

First Round:

vs. Benoni High — won 74—70.
vs. Voortrekker Hoër—won 106—38.
vs. Germiston Afrikaans Hoër—won won 73—71.
vs. Boksburg High — won 84—60.

Second Round:

vs. Benoni High—won 80—64.
vs. Voortrekker Hoër—lost 69—75.
vs. Germiston Afrikaans Hoër—won 91—53.
vs. Boksburg High—won 79—65.

SECOND TEAM.

The following boys played for the Second Team during this year:

1. P. Jackson and R. Jordan.
2. H. Elias (capt.) and C. Babb.
3. L. Evans and M. Honey.

Reserve: H. Rosenberg.

Playing against East Rand High Schools we lost only three matches, one to Benoni and two to Boksburg C.B.C. Other schools we played against are Boksburg High and Voortrekker.

On the whole the best couple was Jackson and Jordan. Of the two Jackson is the steadier and Jordan the more aggressive.

Elias is good though he tends to be erratic. On two occasions he played for the First Team and held his own.

Babb, the only Form One boy in the team, shows great promise.

Honey has a fine style but is also erratic.

Evans will improve with experience.

Colours, 1951

School Colours have been awarded to the following boys:

For Rugby: D. v. B. Deyzel, P. C. Shone, N. R. Maher, B. Pullock.

For Cricket: R. B. Deakin, P. Katakuzinos.

For Athletics: D. A. Shaw, N. R. Maher.

For Tennis: J. Nicolson, P. L. Andrew.

For Shooting: V. J. Smith.

Athletics

OUR first Athletic Sports as a Boys' School were held on September 29th. The choice of the third term of the year for the Sports was an experiment made possible by our involuntary exclusion from the annual East Rand Inter-High School Sports (whose constitution provides only for the inclusion of mixed schools). It was thought that with serious Rugby ending about the end of August, September would offer good opportunities for athletes to train while free from other outdoor diversions, and so avoid the difficult clash between the claims of cricket and athletics in the first term of the year.

Sitting: S. Fanaroff, G. Robertson, Mr. F. Holden, J. Nicolson, M. Kessel.
Standing: A. Roberts, Mr. R. Davis, Mr. T. Morrison, P. Andrew.

wickets for 1 run. We then batted and soon passed their total to win the match by 7 wickets.

Regular players in this team have been: P. Cachia, S. Fanaroff, C. Hunter, D. Johnston, R. Jordan (Captain), Law, G. Milroy, V. Neilson, F. Rademan, W. Rakusin, and C. Sayers.

R. JORDAN.

Under 13

We did not have a very good season this year. Our first match, against Marists (Inanda) was typical. It was a good match but we were beaten by more experienced players. Of the bowlers, H. Nielson took the most wickets. Our leg-spin bowler, L. Gordon, used the ball cleverly. Other promising players are C. Babb, H. Caganoff and D. Mackenzie Our team play and fielding was good and we were unlucky to lose all our games.

Tennis

First Team

AS a result of great keenness and good play, the first tennis team won the East Rand Schools' League. The team consisted of a Masters' couple — Mr. Morrison, Mr. Davis, Mr. Muir and Mr. Vos took

In the event, the experiment was a little disappointing. The number of boys who entered was not as high as it should have been. We hope that next year, when we have really settled down as a Boys' High School, and when our large crowd of new boys have become more conscious of their Houses, inter-House rivalry for the Athletic Cup will be keener. Next year too we expect to have more boys in the senior forms Lack of senior boys was a great handicap this year; this, together with a casual approach to the requirements of training, was responsible for some rather uninspiring times in the senior events. Perhaps, however, our greatest trouble was absence of the stimulus provided by participation after our own sports in a general meeting against other High Schools.

There was another experiment this year. The winner of every event was presented with a miniature cup; this experiment was obviously well received.

Some of the results were good, and more especially in Junior events; these are encouraging signs.

The House Competition never lost interest throughout the day on September 29th. It was a long day, too, many of the field events being settled in the morning. The lead — clearly revealed on a handsome new scoreboard — was constantly changing, and was finally settled only by the last event of the afternoon. In the end, the Evans and Leigh Cup for Inter-House Athletics was won by Churchill House with 141 points; then came Smuts with 137, Botha with 115 and Montgomery with 102.

About three weeks before Sports Day proper, a Senior and a Junior Cross-Country Race were run over a course through the Lake Grounds and along the Airport Road. There was great enthusiasm over these events, about half the school taking part and most of the other half watching.

Sports Day had its lighter side in the form of a Masters' Race which brought forth hearty cheering, ironical or otherwise, from the boys. Mr. Brink's victory, from a suitable handicap, was immensely popular.

D. Shaw, an under 16 boy, did very well to become Victor Ludorum. R. Vermeulen is also to be congratulated on his good performance in winning five events in the Under 14 group.

Socially, the Sports meeting owed much of its success to the untiring work of the ladies of the ever-helpful Parents' Committee who prepared the tea (served this year on the lawns), and ran the minerals and sweet stalls; to the parents as a whole for their gifts of refreshments; and to senior girls of the Girls' High School who acted as waitresses.

We are most grateful to the Mayor and Mayoress for visiting us in the midst of a very busy day, and to the Mayoress and Mrs. W. K. Whyte (Chairman of the Governing Body) for graciously presenting the floating trophies and individual winners' cups.

Our thanks go also to members of the Germiston Rotary Club and to Mr. Shaw for their gifts of floating trophies. Through the addition of these gifts there is now a trophy for every open event.

Results

(N.B.: U.—Under).

1. High Jump (U.13). 1st: M. Cox; 2nd: P. Maré; 3rd: D. Mackenzie.
   Height: 4' 2¾".
2. High Jump (U.14). 1st: D. Denton; 2nd: D. Liebenberg; 3rd: C. Ruth.
   Height: 4' 7".
3. High Jump (U.15): 1st: D. Wilson; 2nd: P. Stathoulis; 3rd: P. Sandos.
   Height: 4' 11¾".
4. High Jump (U.16): 1st: D. Shaw; 2nd. M. Fleischer; 3rd: S. Green.
   Height: 5' 2¼".
5. High Jump (Open). 1st: D. Shaw; 2nd: G. Robertson; 3rd: A. Roberts.
   Height: 5' 3".
6. Long Jump (U.13). 1st: C. Sinclair: 2nd: P. Maré; 3rd: D. Mackenzie.
   Distance: 13' 6".
7. Long Jump (U.14). 1st: R. Vermeulen, 2nd: C. Da Silva; 3rd: L. Anderson.
   Distance: 15' 5".
8. Long Jump (U. 15). 1st: J. Swanton: 2nd: M. Erasmus; 3rd: P. Stathoulis.
   Distance: 15' 6".
9. Long Jump (U.16). 1st: D. Shaw; 2nd: J. Gouws; 3rd: H. Muller.
   Distance: 19' 9".

10. Long Jump (Open). 1st: D. Shaw; 2nd: J. Gouws; 3rd: G. Robertson.
    Distance: 19' 0".
11. Hop, Step and Jump (U.13). 1st: W. le Roux; 2nd: M. Cox; 3rd: D. Mattheys.
    Distance: 29' 3".
12. Hop, Step and Jump (U.14). 1st: R. Vermeulen; 2nd: D. Denton; 3rd: C. Da Silva.
    Distance: 35' 1".
13. Hop, Step and Jump (U.15). 1st: W. Erasmus; 2nd: P. Gerber; 3rd: P. Doyle.
    Distance: 34' 4".
14. Hop, Step and Jump (U.16). 1st: J. Gouws; 2nd: D. Shaw; 3rd: E. Barton
    Distance: 39' 3".
15. Hop, Step and Jump (Open). 1st: D. Shaw; 2nd: G. Markgraaff; 3rd: J. Gouws.
    Distance: 38' 2".
16. 80 yards Hurdles (U.13). 1st: G. Robertson; 2nd: P. Maré; 3rd: L. Gordon.
    Time: 12.4 secs.
17. 80 yards Hurdles (U.14). 1st: R. Vermeulen; 2nd: D. Liebenberg; 3rd: J Pieters.
    Time: 12.8 secs.
18. 110 yards Hurdles (U.15). 1st: P. Stathoulis; 2nd: D. Wilson; 3rd: K. Allen.
    Time: 16 secs.
19. 110 yards Hurdles (U.16). 1st: J. Gouws; 2nd: D. Shaw; 3rd: P. Burgess
    Time: 15.7 secs.
20. 110 yards Hurdles (Open). 1st: G. Robertson and A. Braid (tied); 3rd: A Roberts.
    Time: 16.2 secs.
21. 100 yards (U.13). 1st: G. Robertson 2nd: P. Maré; 3rd: M. Swanepoel.
    Time: 12.6 secs.
22. 100 yards (U.14). 1st: R. Vermeulen; 2nd: D. Baker; 3rd: C. Sayers.
    Time: 11.1 secs.
23. 100 yards (U.15). 1st: P. Stathoulis, 2nd: J. Viljoen; 3rd: R. Sandham.
    Time: 10.9 secs.
24. 100 yards (U.16). 1st: J. Gouws; 2nd: B. Hampson; 3rd: D. Shaw.
    Time: 10.9 secs.
25. 100 yards (Open). 1st: N. Maher; 2nd: P. Katakuzinos; 3rd: B. Pullock.
    Time: 11 secs.
26. 220 yards (U.13). 1st: G. Robertson; 2nd: C. Sinclair; 3rd: M. Swanepoel.
    Time: 29.2 secs.
27. 220 yards (U.14). 1st: R. Vermeulen; 2nd: D. Baker; 3rd: C. Sayers.
    Time: 25.4 secs.
28. 220 yards (U.15). 1st: J. Viljoen; 2nd: P. Stathoulis; 3rd: R. Sandham.
    Time: 25.3 secs.
29. 220 yards (U.16). 1st: B. Hampson; 2nd: J. Baird; 3rd: L. Amery.
    Time: 25 secs.
30. 220 yards (Open). 1st: N. Maher; 2nd: P. Shone; 3rd: B. Pullock.
    Time: 24.7 secs.
31. 440 yards (U.15). 1st: D. Booysens; 2nd: D. Wilson; 3rd: C. Royston.
32. 440 yards (U.16). 1st: L. Amery; 2nd: A. Robertson; 3rd: J. Tickner.
    Time: 1 min. 1.3 secs.
33. 440 yards (Open). 1st: J. Hodgkinson; 2nd: P. Shone and N. Maher (tied).
    Time: 55.3 secs.
34. 880 yards (Junior). 1st: F. Ferdandez; 2nd: D. Carrington; 3rd: D. Booysens.
    Time: 2 mins. 26.8 secs.
35. 880 yards (Senior). 1st: T. Rogers; 2nd: G. van Blerk; 3rd: N. Maher.
    Time: 2 mins. 20.4 secs.
36. One Mile (Junior). 1st: D. Carrington; 2nd: L. Gordon; 3rd: D. Booysens.
    Time: 5 mins. 35.1 secs.
37. One Mile (Senior). 1st: T. Rogers; 2nd: A. Braid; 3rd: I. Williams.
    Time: ???
38. Discus (Open). 1st: A. Roberts; 2nd: A. Robertson; 3rd: G. Markgraaff.
    Distance: 99' 10½".
39. Shot Putt (Open). 1st: D. Deyzel; 2nd: J. Gouws; 3rd: A. Robertson.
    Distance: 35' 0½".
40. Tug-o'-war. 1st: Churchill; 2nd: Smuts. 3rd: Montgomery.
41. Cross Country (Junior). 1st: Smuts (Carrington); 2nd: Botha; 3rd: Churchill.
    Time: 13 mins. 25.5 secs.

42. Cross Country (Senior). 1st: Churchill (Tickner); 2nd: Botha; 3rd: Montgomery.
Time: 19 mins. 50 secs.
43. House Relay, 440 yards (U.13). 1st: Montgomery; 2nd: Churchill; 3rd: Botha.
44. House Relay, 440 yards (U.16). 1st: Smuts; 2nd: Churchill; 3rd: Montgomery.
Time: 50.6 secs.
45. House Relay, 440 yards (U.15). 1st: Botha; 2nd: Smuts; 3rd: Montgomery
Time: 52.4 secs.
46. House Relay, 440 yards (U.14). 1st: Botha; 2nd: Churchill; 3rd: Smuts.
Time: 54.3 secs.
47. House Relay, One Mile. 1st: Churchill; 2nd: Smuts; 3rd: Montgomery.
4 mins. 21.8 secs.
48. Staff Race. 1st: Mr. C. Brink.

The Cross-Country Race

FOR days — and in some isolated cases we believe, weeks — boys had been training for the Grand Event of the athletic year. This was their big chance; every boy capable of independent locomotion could now do something for the honour and glory of his House. All he had to do was to finish the course. Time was hardly important, but staying power was. Hence the training.

And now at last the Great Day had arrived. Excitement ran high, especially among the Juniors, for rumours had got around that one or two of their runners had been training especially hard — and Blow is rather a big chap, even for a junior.

The Juniors led off. At the sound of the gun they girded up their loins — or hitched up their running shorts — and departed down the 100 yards straight and away out of sight behind the school buildings, all going strongly.

By the time they returned, with the reputed two miles' course behind them, the competitors were not quite so numerous, and very definitely not so close together. We heard that some had fallen by the wayside, and that one or two, perhaps luckier than they deserved to be, were finishing the course in Mr. Fox's car.

But here came the doughty survivors, and the first thing we could distinguish was a crop of ginger hair. Carrington was in the lead, and going well. Behind him came Blow, his longer legs perhaps compensated for by the greater weight they had to carry — or had Carrington perhaps stolen a march on him by taking an extra day's training?

After these first two, the runners came in thick and — fairly — fast, and impressions were vague. Nevertheless, some sort of medal should, we think, go to young Rosen of 1.A. for the gamest finish we saw. Last in position and least in stature, he was among the great in endurance and dogged determination.

Then came the senior race, over a distance of three miles. Of course, the second man to do a thing seldom receives as much glory as the first, however well he does it, and perhaps it was a little unfair to stage the senior event after the junior. Again, however, we humble spectators were treated to a close finish. Congratulations to Tickner, van Blerk and Braid, the first three home.

Other impressions not lightly forgotten include the expression of ferocious determination on the face of Hodgkinson of IIIc as he came pounding down the home straight, and game finishes by Burgess of 2.A. and Boy and H. Smith of 1.G.

All in all the Cross-Country was an event to be remembered, and is one well worth repeating. Our hearty congratulations once again to all those who took part, and to Churchill House on a well-earned victory.

The Old Germistonian Society 1947—1951

IN 1947, after lying dormant for eleven years, the Old Germistonian Society once again came into being. This was due mainly to the efforts of three enthusiastic past pupils, Miss M. Thurley, Miss Eunice Goldman and Mr. C. Christodolides.

As a result of their hard work, a General Meeting was called, at which it was decided to revive the Society, with a new constitution. Miss Thurley was elected Chairman, and had the help of an enthusiastic Committee. Their efforts, and those of succeeding Committees, were however not always matched by an enthusiastic response from the members as a whole. Miss Thurley was worthily succeeded as Chairman in 1948 and 1949 by Mr. George Barnett, another keen worker for the Old Pupils. In spite of disappointment caused by a falling-off in the membership, a great deal was undertaken and there were many pleasant and successful functions in these early years. There were also some grand opportunities of helping the School, and these were eagerly seized. They included the two Fêtes held at the School in 1947 and 1949, at which Old Germistonians gave very solid help, and informal dances at which senior pupils were invited to join with the members of the Society.

Each year since 1947 the Society has been able to assist with the Annual "Matric Farewell" Dance at the School, and at these functions there has been an admirable spirit of co-operation.

In 1950, Mr. E. Prior became Chairman, on Mr. Barnett's retirement. Further efforts were made in this year to increase the membership, and it is good to be able to report that by now the Society, whose present Chairman is Mr. H. Baird, has got through its early teething-troubles and is really well established.

A tennis sub-section was started in 1947, but went into temporary eclipse after about a year. It was revived in October, 1950. Today this section is very strong. In March, 1951, a grand variety concert was held in the Boys' High School. About thirty past pupils, boys and girls, took part. As a result, the Society was in a position to present to the School a cheque for £15, to be added to the Boys' High School Bursary Fund.

At the Annual General Meeting held in May, 1951 there was a large attendance, reminiscent of the original meeting of 1947. Officers elected for the current year were:

Chairman: Mr. H. Baird.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. T. Warder.
Secretary: Miss J. Glass.
Treasurer: Mr. D. Anagnostu.
Committee-Members: Miss P. Thomson, Messrs. K. Bates, K. Katakuzinos, S. Warder and L. Weeks.

The Society is now strong not only in numbers but also financially.

Membership of the Society

The situation caused by the division of the original Germiston High School into separate High Schools for Boys and Girls has been met by an amendment to the constitution by which membership is now open to all past pupils of the Germiston High School, the Germiston Boys' High School and the Germiston Girls' High School, who attended any of these Schools for not less than one year.

Before becoming a member, it is necessary to fill in a membership form. These forms are obtainable from the Secretary of the Society, or from either of the two High Schools.

1st Annual Ball

The first Annual Ball will be held in the City Hall on Friday, March 7th, 1952.

Masterkeys Personal Eight dance band has already been engaged. We are hoping to get all possible support from past pupils to make this ball a success.

The Tennis Sub-Section

This strong section has a membership of forty. The courts at the Boys' school on a Saturday afternoon are always full. During October of this year the Club's first Championships were held. We congratulate the following winners:

Women's Singles: E. Katakuzinos.
Women's Doubles: J. Kruger, M Wright.
Mixed Doubles: J. Kruger, N. Katakuzinos.
Men's Doubles: L. Weeks, B. Katakuzinos.
Men's Singles: H. Kalavites.

Trophies were donated by Messrs. Kalavites, Weeks, Anagnostu and Christelis, and presented to the winners by Mr. H. C. Robinson.

Our Ambitions in the Future

In the new year we hope to start a fund for grounds. We hope that in about five to six years we shall have enough funds for the purchase of our own grounds. A certain amount of perseverance and hard work will be necessary, but the reward will be great.

We also hope to start a Women's Hockey Club in the coming winter season. Here we shall rely on the support of all the Old Girls.

The men's Cricket Club will come into being in the following season. This time, we will be sure of obtaining a ground.

Items of Interest During the Past Year

Congratulations to:

Miss D. Raw and Mr. D. Malakou,

Miss R. Pemberthy and Mr. R. van der Merwe,

Miss V. Beauchamp and Mr. C. McLean, on their marriages.

Trevor Wellbeloved, who has just become engaged to Miss A. Fotheringham.

Miss Jessie Scott, and Mr. Leon Weeks, who have both won Gold Medals at the eisteddfod.

Ted Prior—he's twenty-one now.

Peter Knowles—he's practising as an Attorney in Germiston.

Hans Nijland and Brian Murphy, on their excellent performances in Tennis Tournaments along the Reef. And to Brian Murphy also on being Dux Scholae in 1950.

Mr. A. Raats, on his performances in Athletic gatherings in the Southern Transvaal.

The Girls' High School 1st Hockey team,

Our good wishes to Miss O. Davie, who on their win over the Old Girls' team.
has taken up residence in Durban, and Mr. H. Nelson, who has gone North to Rhodesia.

Note by Editor: We feel that there ought to be many more of these interesting personal items in the next School Magazine. Old Germistonians are asked to send in suitable news to the O.G. Secretary in good time.

Ek besoek die agterbuurtes van Johannesburg

VREDEDORP. Vrydagaand. Half-elf. Luide geskel en geskreeu en gesing meng onharmonies saam, en vloei as 'n onophoudende stroom lawaai uit die swaaideur van 'n biersaal uit. By nadere ondersoek blyk dit dat 'n bioskoop so pas uitgekom het, en dat die klompie vuil bioskoopgangers eers gaan drink het eer hulle na hulle vuil huise verdaag.

Oral kan nog klompies van die inwoners van hierdie rampokker-wêreld waargeneem word, waar hulle op die straathoeke staan en mekaar grappe vertel, en meermale nog, uit 'n bottel, sjerrie drink. Af en toe neem hulle gesigte 'n spookagtige skynsel aan as hulle 'n lang trek aan hulle goedkoop sigarette neem, en die brandende punte daarvan 'n dowwe lig oor hulle gelaatstrekke gooi.

Weereens 'n buitensporige gelag uit die kroeg, en dan 'n ritmiese voetgestamp soos die drinkers 'n welbekende drinkliedjie volborstig uitbulder. Een blik na een van die vrouens wat sonder kouse, met 'n kort rok en met 'n sigaret in die mond loop, met 'n kariggeklede baba in die arms in die bittere koue, is genoeg om enige mens te oortuig dat hier verslegting is in sy ergste graad.

Ek het Vrededorp besoek as metgesel var 'n verslaggewer van 'n koerant. Hy was op die spoor van 'n verslag vir sy koerant, en het my toe gevra om saam te gaan. Ons het die motor in 'n systraat parkeer en verder na ons destinasie geloop. So in die loop het my vriend my vertel dat 'n man sy vrou vermoor het en dat hy die storie moes opskryf. Uiteindelik het ons die bestemming bereik na baie loop deur vuillis-verstrooide gange. Blikke en bottels en koerante het orals gelê.

Ons het ons voor 'n huis bevind waaruit 'n man skoppend tevoorskyn gekom het met 'n polisieman aan elke arm. Voor die deur was 'n polisie-wa waarin die moordenaar na die tronk vervoer sou word. Toe hy die skare belangstellendes gewaar, knik hy ewe gemaak-nonchalant vir die menigtes en skreeu: „Los hotnot. Noudat die ma dood is kan die kinders ook maar vrek." Terwyl hulle die man in die wa dompel, skreeu sy vuil kindertjies bitterlik waar hulle op die trappie van die huis sit. Een seuntjie sit met sy arms beskermend om sy sussie, terwyl hy met groot oë na die wa kyk. 'n Ander een, met 'n dik sny ongesmeerde brood, pluk aan my vriend se baadjie en sê: „Omie, onse ma is dood".

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My vriend en ek is weer terug in die kar. Terwyl hy die motor aansit sê hy: „Arme drommel. Haar keel is van oor tot oor oopgesny en die lyk is in 'n vuillisblik gegooi met 'n koerant oor die gesig. Nogal snaaks om te sien hoe hang haar bene oor die kant van die blik".

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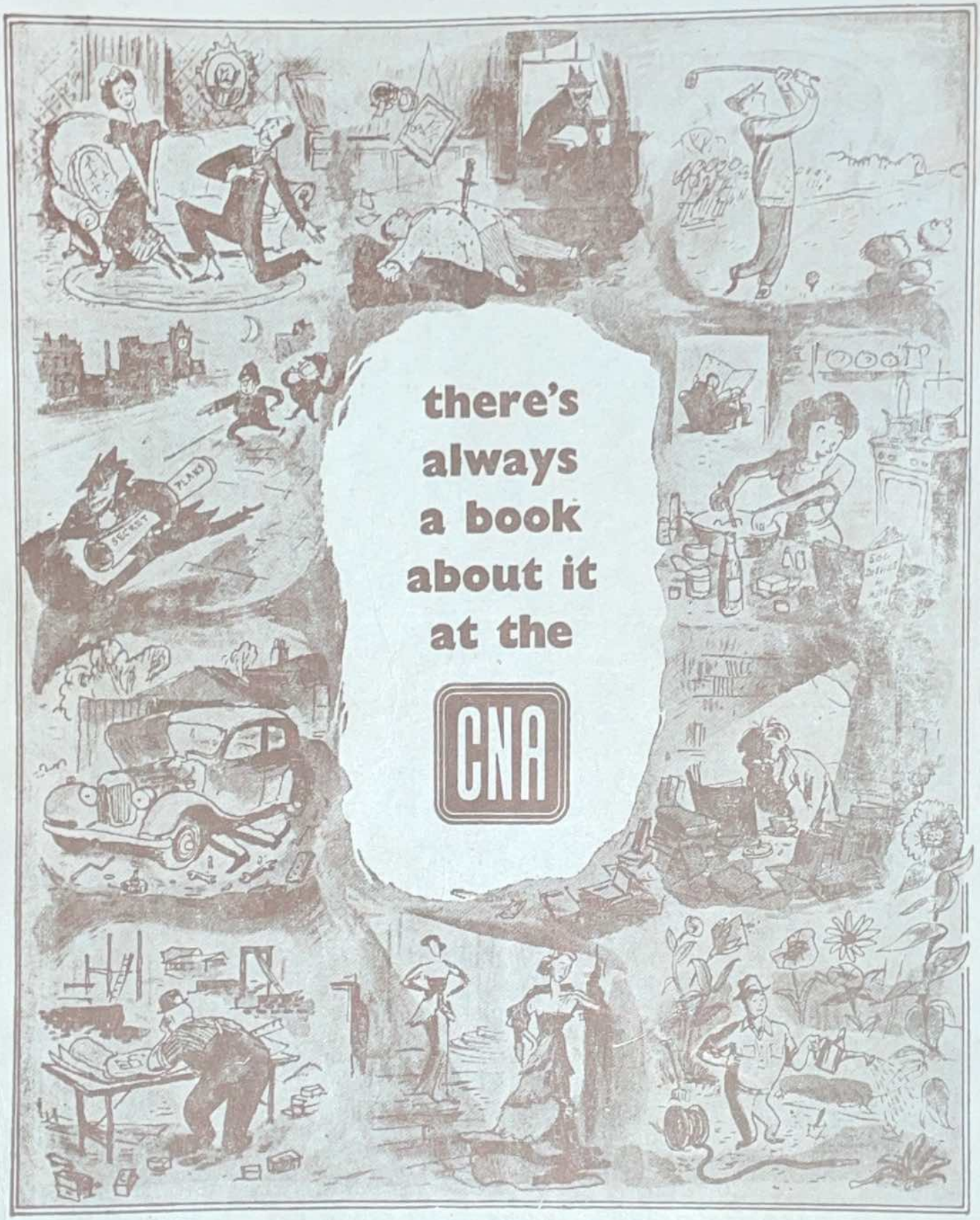

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